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Annexation planned

City targets 600-acre area

By Bob Slate
 Staff writer

Granite City officials are contemplating a tax increment finance district of more than 600 acres along Illinois 3.

If established, it would be the fourth TIF district in the city, which already has TIF districts at Granite City Steel, American Steel and in the downtown area.

Dan Brown, director of economic development for the city, discussed the plan last week with members of the City Council's Industrial Search and Downtown committees.

Brown said the plan includes establishing a TIF district along Illinois 3 from Rock Road at the south end to Chain of Rocks Road on the north end; and annexing a large parcel of land north of the city's current boundary, east of Illinois 3 and west of Illinois 203.

A TIF district is a development tool for unimproved areas. When the TIF district is formed, the amount of property tax money generated within the district is "frozen" at its existing level.

Any future property tax money above the freeze level (the "increment") is withheld from other taxing bodies in the district (such as school, park and library districts) and rebated to the TIF district.

The rebated funds can be used for improvements within the TIF boundaries.

An existing business in the city is considering a \$12 million development in the proposed TIF area that would create about 50 new jobs, Brown said. He said that project alone, if completed, would create \$90,000 in property tax increment each year.

The plan would exclude property that has already been developed — such as the Northgate Industrial Park, car dealerships and Wal-Mart — from the TIF district, he said.

He said the TIF plan would also exclude any property earmarked for future residential development.

School districts especially oppose residential TIF districts because they force schools to educate more pupils without providing additional property tax revenue.

But some undeveloped areas of the Tri-City Regional Port District could be annexed and included in the TIF if

Residential incentives considered

By Bob Slate
 Staff writer

In addition to a plan to create incentives for business and industry to expand or open new locations in Granite City, city officials are also working on expanding the city's boundaries and population by annexation of residential property.

The City Council's Planning, Zoning and Annexations Committee is currently considering financial incentives — including reduced property taxes for a limited time — to convince residents of unincorporated Madison County to annex into the city.

Dan Brown, the city's economic development director, said last week he opposes financial incentives to lure residents into the city.

"I just think it creates an undesirable precedent," Brown said. "And what do we tell city residents who have been paying property taxes for the past 40 years?"

Brown said the services provided by the city — police and fire protection, for example — should be enough incentive to become a part of the city.

But Alderman Nick Petrillo and others said the city has to make it attractive to be annexed.

"I think we need to be aggressive and appeal to residents of the area to be a part of the city," Petrillo said. (See INCENTIVES, Page 6A)

the cities of Madison and Venice agree to the plan, Brown said.

The Southwestern Illinois Development Authority (SWIDA) is being asked to serve as a consultant on the project.

Alderman Bob Page, chairman of the Industrial Search Committee, said the plan is a good one.

"We've always talked about expanding there, but we've never done it," Page said.

The committees are to meet again Dec. 17 to discuss the plan in detail.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Symbol — Adrienne Schoofield sews a button to a piece of felt cut into the shape of a raindrop for a symbol for an Indian button-blanket which her fifth-grade class at Wilson School made. The burlap blanket was festooned with basic Indian symbols chosen by the children. Adrienne's symbol stands for rain. More photos on Page 6B

FEMA OKs Pontoon plan

Agency sets conditions for acceptance of proposal

By Scott Cousins
 Staff writer

A plan by the village of Pontoon Beach to correct flood plain violations has been accepted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

In a Nov. 26 letter to Mayor Glen Wilson, Janet M. Odeshoo, director of FEMA's Chicago mitigation division, said the plan was acceptable with several conditions.

The village and FEMA have been battling over flood plain violations since late 1990. The battle heated up in the past two years after FEMA threatened to cancel the village's

FEMA also requested a monthly update on the village's progress in complying with the regulations.

participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. The violations involved properties built in the 100-year flood plain. In each of the cases, the lowest

elevations of the structures are below 417 feet above sea level — the 100-year flood level.

Properties involved include seven mobile homes in the Quality Beach Mobile Home Park, one business on Illinois 111, six homes in the Timberlake Subdivision, and one home on East Lake Drive.

If Pontoon Beach was excluded from NFIP coverage, nobody in the village could purchase flood insurance, existing policies would be canceled, and federal agencies would be prohibited from offering any kind of federal assistance for areas of the village in the 100-year

(See FEMA, Page 6A)

Two more charged in case

By Bob Slate
 Staff writer

Two more Granite City-area men were charged with aggravated criminal sexual abuse last week in connection with an investigation into an alleged child pornography operation, bringing to nine the number of persons charged.

Oscar Wilkinson, 75, of the 1400 block of Chouteau Place Road (See CHARGED, Page 6A)

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John Fuller, Chief Meteorologist, KSDK News Channel 5

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NORMAL ST. LOUIS SNOWFALL TOTALS



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Reading night — Michelle Bradley reads to her son, Kenneth Ball, 5, during family reading night at Blair School in Madison. The stories all had a Thanksgiving theme, and an activity where the children made feathered head bands was also featured. Story, more photos on Page 9A.

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"Spare time."



Melva Rhoads, Collinsville
"I'm most thankful for the friends I have made in my daughter Joy's support group for the handicapped called PUSH HARD. Both the kids and the adults have been wonderful."



David Planitz, Granite City
"My talent to play the drums because it helps me relax. I would like to be able to make some money at it someday."

Alcohol sales ban repealed

Old ordinance forced city to stop sales on election day

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Alcohol can once again be sold legally in Granite City on election day.

On Nov. 5, Granite City taverns were shut down and stores in the city were prohibited from selling liquor while the polls were open. The closure — the first of its kind in the city for more than a decade — was the result of an all-but-forgotten law on the city's books.

But the City Council repealed the ordinance last week. Mayor Ron Selph ordered the taverns closed and the prohibition on alcohol sales last month when he received a telephone call — the day before election day — reminding him of the ordinance, which had not been enforced in recent memory.

After being notified by police officers Nov. 4 that the law would be enforced, several tavern owners and patrons complained that the law was obsolete.

"Once we were made aware of the ordinance, we were obligated to enforce it," Selph said.

State law once prohibited the sale of alcohol on election day because elected officials allegedly gained votes by buying drinks for tavern patrons before taking the intoxicated voters to the polls. The number of reported fights and other

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— Mayor Ron Selph

disruptions were also alarmingly high on election days.

But when the state law was repealed, a similar city ordinance remained on the books.

In other action last week, the city council received information about the city's proposed 1996 tax levy.

The proposed levy is \$3,055,191. That figure is a \$58,687 increase over the 1995 levy.

City Comptroller K.P. MacTaggart said the city attempts to maintain the same tax rate — \$0.0887 per \$100 of assessed valuation — each year.

But because the levy must be certified before assessed valuations are published, officials must use their best guess to maintain the tax rate.

The city's assessed valuation in 1995 was \$3,055,191. That was an increase of \$3,055,191 over the previous year's valuation.

If the assessed valuation remains the same for 1996, the proposed levy would represent an increase of less than 2 percent.

If the assessed valuation increases, the tax rate would decrease. Conversely, the tax rate would increase with a decrease in assessed valuation.

In other action, the council was told that a proposal to improve stormwater drainage from the Doherty Slough area to Horseshoe Lake would cost in excess of \$3.2 million.

"Nothing is going to be forthcoming in the next five to 10 years as far as an improvement of funding mechanism," said Joe Juneau of Juneau Associates, the city's contractual engineer.

Alderman Kim Affolter, who represents most of the area that would benefit from the drainage improvement project, said the state's Department of Natural Resources should perform a cost/benefit analysis to determine if funding should be made available.

"You've got \$80,000, \$90,000 and \$100,000 homes where the footings are being poured every four years and the foundations are crumbling," Affolter said, adding that the project would benefit residents of Fontana Beach and unincorporated Nameoki Township as well as homeowners in Granite City.

Post office adding hours

The Granite City main Post Office, located at 2350 Madison Ave., will have expanded window service hours through the Christmas season.

Beginning Dec. 2, the hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday; and noon to 3 p.m. Sunday.

Test to be given at BAC

If your plans for 1997 include taking classes at Belleville Area college's Granite City campus, then now is the time to take the ASSET, a math and English assessment and orientation program offered by the college for new students. The ASSET will be offered six times during December in Room 330 of the GCC, 4950 Maryville Road.

The ASSET, which is free, will help students identify their strengths and weaknesses for proper placement in math and English courses by measuring writing, reading, numerical and/or algebraic skills.

ASSET will be offered at the following times during December: 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Dec. 5; 5:30 - 9 p.m., Dec. 9; 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Dec. 12; 5:30 - 9 p.m., Dec. 16; and 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Dec. 19.

For more information on taking the ASSET at GCC, call the campus at 931-0600, extension 533.

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Venice OKs city hall roof repairs

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Approval to go ahead with emergency roof repairs at the Venice City Hall was given by the council at Tuesday's meeting.

Mayor Tyrone Echols said the repairs should cost about \$10,000.

He said water coming in through the damaged roof has caused parts of the ceiling in the council chambers, police department and fire station to collapse.

The city hall's heating system is also in need of repair. Echols said Tuesday that the parts needed to repair the system are in, but workers could

not do the work because of ice on the roof.

The lack of heat resulted in a short council meeting.

"That's one of the reasons for the expedited meeting," he said.

In other business, Echols said a meeting with the city engineer was planned to discuss stormwater problems in the 1300 block of Oriole Street.

Echols said runoff from nearby railroad tracks appears to be clogging the sewers, causing backups.

He said engineers have suggested a trench at the base of the railroad tracks. The cost is estimated at about \$10,000 to do "properly."

The city was recently award-

ed a Madison County Community Development grant for sewer cleaning, but the work has not been started yet.

Trip to St. Charles is planned

Area senior citizens can take in the sights of St. Charles, Mo., during a trip to the historic city Dec. 6. The trip is sponsored by Belleville Area College's Programs and Services for Older Persons. The trip will include lunch and sightseeing. The cost is \$33. To register or for more information, call PSOP at 234-4410, Ext. 17.

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Costello will hold office hours

U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello will hold office hours to meet with constituents in Granite City, Belleville and East St. Louis Monday.

Residents can stop by without an appointment to speak with Costello about problems with federal agencies, national or local issues, or any matter of concern. The office hours will be from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in Belleville, 327 W. Main St.; 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in East St. Louis, 8787 State St.; and 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Granite City, 1363 Niedringhaus Ave.

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Reassessment plan protested

Madison County has joined four other area taxing districts in objecting to a plea by Clark Refining & Marketing for lower assessed valuation for its Hartford facility. The county stands to lose \$84,000 in property tax income if the challenge by Clark is approved by the Madison County Board of Review.

Clark has asked that its assessment be lowered by about \$10 million from \$13.9 million to \$4.7 million.

The County Board approved a resolution to join the other districts during its regular monthly meeting Nov. 20.

Four board members voted against the resolution: Harold Byers, D-Highland; Jack Frandsen, D-Alhambra; Rick Faccin, D-Alton; and Albert Charleston, D-Alton.

Byers said he considered the legal fees spent on the objection to be a waste of county funds.

Other taxing districts that are objecting to Clark's plea are Wood River-Hartford School District, Wood River Township Hospital, East Alton-Wood River High School and Roxana School District.

— From The Telegraph

Pontoon Beach broke? Not so, says alderman

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The village of Pontoon Beach is going broke, according to Comptroller Lou Whitsell, but Finance Committee Chairman Gus Falter says the situation is not that bad.

At Tuesday's board meeting, Whitsell said it was not for two loans to the village's general fund, that funds balance would be about \$3,400.

The general fund pays for most of the day-to-day expenses, including salaries.

"It just goes from day to day," he said.

He also told the board that the village had no money for any new programs.

According to figures supplied by Whitsell, as of Nov. 23 the general fund was at \$88,099.26. However, that includes a \$35,596.86 loan from the Motor Fuel Tax fund, and a \$30,000 loan from the village's tourism fund.

Of the remaining \$22,502.40, most of that will go toward payroll and a \$7,400 payment to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.

Whitsell also said the Illinois Department of Transportation has told the village that it cannot borrow money from the MFT fund.

On Friday Falter said he "didn't subscribe" to Whitsell's opinion.

"We're unable to get the information we need to get as a finance committee," he said. "Not having access to information, I don't know where he's coming from."

Falter did not go into specifics, but said the Finance Committee would be meeting some time this week, and one of the subjects to be discussed concerned recommendations on internal controls from the village's auditor.

Board members recently received copies of the auditor's recommendations, but the information has not been made public.

In other business last week, the board approved a business license for a desktop publishing business in the home of Jennifer L. Beale, of the 4800 block of Lake Drive.

The village was also notified by U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello that the U.S. Postal Service would not reconsider a request by the village to secure its own zip code.

Costello said a ZIP code boundary review was completed in July 1993, resulting in a denial. The village is not eligible for review again until July 2003.

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Law group seeking to save courtroom

EAST ALTON — A group of Madison County lawyers is teaming up in an effort to save a satellite courtroom.

Members of the East Alton/Wood River Bar Association, in a meeting last week, decided to try working together to prevent the courtroom in the East Alton Vital Services Building from closing its doors.

Village Board members voted recently to impose rental payments on the county of \$3,000 per month starting in January. County Board members have not been receptive to the idea.

East Alton Mayor Wayne East said he would close the courtroom if the county refuses to pay rent.

East Alton Corporation Counselor Zeke Smith, who attended the bar association meeting, said the courtroom is a tremendous asset to the county and attorneys are not the only ones to benefit.

"East Alton isn't the only community to benefit from that courtroom," Smith said. "It sees an awful lot of traffic from South Roxana, Roxana, Wood River, Hartford and Cottage Hills. In fact, that courtroom has seen an awful lot of civil trials and even a few criminal trials. It really does ease the burden in Edwardsville."

Madison County Associate Judge David Herndon, who presides in the courtroom, has been asked to make a list of hearings and trials and break them down to communities served.

"It's possible that only 10 to 15 percent of the business in East Alton," Smith said.

Herbert Milton Jr., County Board Finance Committee chairman, said earlier this month that the village benefits from the courtroom, adding that other communities with satellite courtrooms, such as Alton, require no rental payments.

Smith said Alton and Granite City have populations of more than 30,000 and usually limit court business strictly to their own jurisdictions.

"It may be easier for Alton and Granite City to cover the expenses of running a courtroom because they have much bigger populations and it is usually their citizens who use the facilities," Smith said.

"That is really not the case in East Alton."

Smith said the public will also miss the accessibility of the satellite court if it closes.

"It's not just a convenience for lawyers," Smith said. "A lot of people go in to pay traffic fines and to file civil complaints. I hope we can come to some type of agreement because I do believe the mayor will shut it down."

Members of the bar association are in the process of compiling information to present to the County Board, officials said.

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LOCAL NEWS

Briefly

Play to be presented

The musical "The Great Late Potentate" will be presented twice this week at Niedringhaus United Methodist Church, 20th Street and Delmar Avenue in Granite City. The children's choir, under the direction of Carolyn Jenkins, will perform at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 1, and at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3. Both presentations will be in the church's sanctuary.

The musical tells the story of Jesus' birth through the characters of children in Bethlehem. It is a story of love and worship.

The community is invited to join the congregation in this kick off of the holiday season.

Sunday school classes for all ages are conducted at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday.

Worship services, led by the Rev. Bruce Rushing, are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. each Sunday. Prayer services are conducted at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday.

For more information, call the church office at 877-4555.

Special service set

St. James Church of God in Christ, 1200 Calhoun Street at Selb Avenue in Venice, will conduct a Love Service at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1 for Deacon Aaron Kelly and his wife, Lisa, and for evangelists Jesse and Rochelle Green.

Among those scheduled to make an appearance are Elder Carl Smith, brother of former St. Louis Cardinal baseball player Ozzie Smith; officer Tim Tumbrik of the St. Louis police department; boxer Frank "Honey Boy" Jackson, who was ranked third in the world and fought Sonny Liston as well as Leon Spinks; and many others.

Free food will be served, including barbecued chicken wings, beef burgers and jumbo franks.

Call the church at 877-0044 for more information.

Support group open

Helping and Healing is a support group for caregivers and family members of persons with a serious illness which is available through the Patient Care Coordination Department at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City.

The group meets the first and third Tuesday of each month, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Schoenbeck Room on the first floor.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 3.

SEMC social workers provide both education and support for caregivers in a variety of ways.

Families are informed about services available to them and are often referred to community agencies for additional assistance.

Tamara Mueller, MWS, and social worker for SEMC is the group facilitator.

By sharing experiences, caregivers learn what to expect and ways to manage difficult times. By hearing about each other's experiences, participants have the opportunity to see they have similar experiences.

Call the SEMC Patient Care Coordination Department to pre-register or for questions (618)798-3018.

There is no fee for the group, but pre-registration is requested.

Dance company plans holiday program

By Kimberly Haas
Staff writer

The State Street Dance Company will be presenting its fourth annual holiday program, "A Gift of Dance," on Sunday, Dec. 8. Before the actual program, however, one local business will be helping students of the dance company by donating a portion of one day's sales to the group.

From 8 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 30, Vine Street Emporium, located on the corner of Vine St. and Second St. in O'Fallon, will donate 10 percent of all proceeds to the SSDC's scholarship fund.

The company is part of DanceStation in O'Fallon. Donations could help send a young dancer to a summer dance program in 1997.

The fourth annual holiday program will be held at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville's Communications Building Theatre at 7 p.m. Dec. 8.

This year, SSDC will be sharing center stage with Mouvement Dance Theatre of Edwardsville.

The show is an hour and a half of short dance pieces in a range of different dance styles. For more information on "A Gift of Dance," contact DanceStation at 632-1217. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12.

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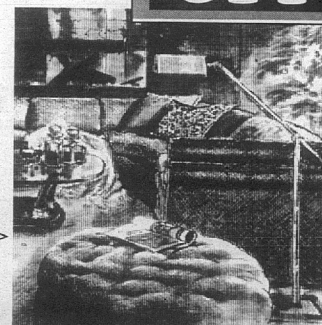
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Gathering remembers those who died of AIDS

ALTON — Gary Storil had a tender heart for young children who suffered from AIDS.

"Gary reached out with love to children. They loved him dearly," said his sister, Debbie Bryant of East Alton.

The life of the 31-year-old East Alton man was snuffed out by AIDS July 3.

"My brother taught us how to enjoy the beauty of life, and he showed us how to face death with courage and dignity," she said.

Bryant and Storil's friend, Larry Johannigmeier, joined more than 150 people at College Avenue Presbyterian Church Tuesday night to remember family members and friends who died of AIDS.

The memorial service to commemorate World AIDS Day Dec. 1 was sponsored by AIDS Interfaith Response of Madison County.

"Mothers and fathers, brothers, sisters and companions have gathered to celebrate the lives of loved ones who were lost to AIDS," said the Rev. George Humbert, pastor of College Avenue church.

The names of more than 100 young people who died from AIDS are embroidered on two giant quilts draped across the back wall of the church.

"Each name sewn on a block of the quilt represents a life, a memory of someone we loved," the Rev. Joanne Greenwood, chaplain at Alton Memorial Hospital, told the gathering.

Family members and friends faced the quilt and bowed their heads in prayer. A mother cried and touched the name of her son.

Storil's name is embroidered in a lace heart with the words "In our hearts forever." "We sewed a white dove of peace next to his name," his sister said.

One prominent name on the quilt is the Rev. George Bell, a popular chaplain at Wood River Township Hospital, who died of AIDS in 1992.

The Madison County AIDS Program honored AIDS Interfaith president Bobbie Vandalia for her years of helping people with AIDS.

—From The Telegraph

Police beat

The following are among incidents reported recently to area police departments.

Sex crimes

• Donald R. Hopkins Jr., 21, of Bunker Hill, was charged Wednesday with two counts of predatory criminal sexual assault.

Granite City police alleged Hopkins to have had sex with a nine-year-old girl in the summer of 1993.

Bond was set at \$150,000. He was not in custody Wednesday afternoon.

Battery

• Earl Cole, 28, of the 2000

block of Bryan Avenue, was charged with one count of aggravated battery.

He allegedly assaulted police Lt. Ron Landman. During the attack Landman suffered a broken hand.

Bond on the warrant is \$30,000.

Burglary

• Jason D. Womack, 17, of the 2400 block of Benton Street, was charged with one count of burglary.

Granite City police allege Womack broke into a building owned by Max C. Mills at 2723 Iowa Street on Nov. 7.

Bond was set at \$40,000.

Red Cross volunteers needed

You can help support the local Madison County Chapter disaster relief services of the American Red Cross by volunteering to help with the Holiday campaign from 2 - 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, and from 9 a.m. until noon, Saturday, Dec. 7.

Last year, the local chapter gave disaster vouchers totaling \$22,860.19 to your Madison County neighbors who suffered fire and flood damage. Disaster victims use the Red Cross vouchers at the local merchants of their choice, thereby returning local donations to the local economy.

Please help your neighbors in need by supporting local relief efforts. All Red Cross assistance is free, made possible by voluntary contributions. Volunteers are needed in Edwardsville, Glen Carbon, Troy and Highland. All ages are welcome. Youth and adults interested in participating in this community service project can contact the Madison County Chapter Office at 656-1407.

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Bus garage proposal advances

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A resolution to provide financing for a new bus garage for the Madison County Transit District was approved by the board at a meeting on Nov. 31.

The district plans to build a new \$5-million garage on property next to the present headquarters on Transit Way. The construction will be financed by leasing the ground to a local bank, which will lease the property back to the district. The district's lease payments would then be put into an escrow account to construct the garage.

"We decided the quickest way to get the money is to lease the ground to the Bank of Edwardsville for 99 years," he said. "MCTD attorney Bill Beatty said, 'The Bank of Edwardsville then signs the lease back to us for 99 years. The payment (by the transit district) on that lease will run 10 years.'

The district's lease payments will be put into an escrow account to construct the garage.

At the end of 10 years, the bank will sell the remainder of the lease back to the MCTD for one dollar.

"It sounds complicated but it's really not," Beatty said. "We either do that or we go to bonds, which takes a lot longer."

MCTD Manager Jerry Kane said phase one of the project — site work — is almost ready to be put out for bid.

"We really had to hold it up until we had the financing," he said.

The building is expected to be in place by Oct. 1997.

The original building was constructed in 1986, and is not built to handle the number of type of vehicles used by the district now.

When the new garage is complete the district's fixed route buses will be housed and maintained there, while the door-to-door service vehicles will stay at the existing facility.

In a related matter, the board approved a resolution authorizing the district to request federal and state funding assistance to purchase equipment for the new building.

Kane said the district is seeking approximately \$1 million in Federal Transportation Administration and Illinois Department of Transportation funds.

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Obituaries

Ruby Logan

Ruby J. (Ripley) Logan, 78, of Granite City died at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 25, 1998, at Colonial Care Center in Granite City. She was born March 11, 1917, in Westmoreland, Tenn.

Mrs. Logan was a homemaker and was a member of the Methodist faith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Maurice U. Logan, who died Oct. 1973, her parents Fletcher and Edna (Pruitt) Ripley, and a sister, Viola Carey.

Survivors include a son, James J. Logan of Labadie, Mo.; a sister, Hazel Pierson of Granite City; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 29, at Thomas Chapel, 2205 Pontoon Road, Granite City, with the Rev. James Hahn officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Helen Baran

Helen Baran, 73, of Janesville, Wis., formerly of Granite City, died at 8:35 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26, 1998, at Mercy Hospital in Janesville, Wis. She was born Sept. 12, 1923, in East St. Louis.

Mrs. Baran was a resident of Granite City for 27 years prior to moving to Janesville, Wis. one year ago. She was formerly employed by New York Central Railroad as a clerk. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Madison, and a 1941 graduate of St. Louis Senior High School.

She was married to Frank Baran on Feb. 16, 1968, in Madison. He preceded her in death on July 31, 1972. She was also preceded in death by her parents, Nick and Katherine (Tanas) Eloff.

Survivors include a sister, Mary Baran of Belleville; two brothers, Johnny Eloff of Sherman Oaks, Calif., and Jimmie Nick Eloff of Fort Belknap, Wisc.; a stepson, Frank J. Baran Jr. of Miami; and a stepdaughter, Michelle Robertson of Granite City.

Visitation will be from 1 - 8 p.m. with the Rosary at 7 p.m. today, Sunday, Dec. 1, at Thomas Chapel, 2205 Pontoon Road, Granite City. Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 2, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 10th and Franklin, N.Y. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert H. Margeson, who died in 1987; her

daughter, Ethel Margeson Zimmerman, who died in 1984; and her parents.

Survivors include her sister, Gertrude Wolf of Cairo, N.Y.; and four grandchildren, June Tharp, Gary Zimmer, and Paul Zimmer of Edwardsville, and David Zimmer of Granite City.

Services were Friday, Nov. 29, at Irwin Chapel, 3860 Maryville Road, Granite City. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Edwardsville.

Joan Sherman

Joan C. (Zolsman) Sherman, 65, of Springfield, formerly of Granite City, died at 8:15 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26, 1998, at Collinsville Care Center in Collinsville. She was born Oct. 19, 1931, in St. Louis.

Mrs. Sherman was a homemaker and was a member of the Protestant faith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Sherman, whom she married in 1971 in Kentucky, who died in 1991; and her parents, Fred and Ellen (Katherside) Zelsman.

Survivors include four daughters, Judy Reynolds, Jeanne Meyer, and Lisa Ray of all of Granite City, and Janet Foster of Madison. She was a member of Granite City, 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

No visitation services were held. The body was cremated. Burial was at Camp Butler National Cemetery in Springfield.

Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society.

June Meyer

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Mrs. Meyer was a resident of Granite City for 45 years, prior to moving to Idaho Falls, Idaho, six years ago. She was employed as a telephone operator for Mountain States Telephone and was also employed by Sears as an account collector.

No visitation services were held. The body was cremated. Burial was at Camp Butler National Cemetery in Springfield.

Memorials are suggested to National Kidney Foundation.

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Robbery

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day that he had no information on a second suspect or vehicle. "If there was any information on that, it was not conveyed to me," Corr said.

Collinsville police Chief Gerrit Gillespie was unavailable for comment on Friday.

According to an FBI release, Fulkerson is expected to appear in Federal Court in East St. Louis on Monday for his initial appearance.

FEMA

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flood plain. As of June 1, about 100 properties worth approximately \$7.3 million are covered by NFIP policies.

Violations can either be corrected or mitigated. Mitigation means taken steps to minimize potential flood damage.

At a special meeting last month, the village board approved the plan, which includes:

- Hiring independent legal counsel to file lawsuits to recover cost of compliance or mitigation.

- Seeking after-the-fact variances for four months homes within six inches of meeting flood plain requirements. However, the violator must be noted on the property title and would mean higher costs for flood insurance.

- Appealing a FEMA decision denying a letter of map revision for the Timberlake Subdivision homes. A LOM is a redrawing of the 100-year flood plain. If the homes in question are taken out of the flood zone, the problem is eliminated.

In her letter, Odeshoorn outlined three conditions for FEMA's acceptance of the plan. She said any after-the-fact

Incentives

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said. "Because residents of unincorporated areas of the county, when they're annexed into the city, must continue to pay property taxes to their township, many end up paying twice for services such as road maintenance."

Alderman Brian Fuzessery has been working on a plan that would provide property tax relief for a limited time for those who annex into the city's limits.

The benefits for the city, according to Fuzessery, are additional residents and the resulting increase in motor fuel tax dollars and increased assessed valuation (thus spreading the property tax burden among a larger group of taxpayers).

Police and fire officials also said that confusion over jurisdiction is created by the city's current boundaries, which are irregular in some neighborhoods. Straightening the boundaries would eliminate confusion, Police Chief Dave Ruebhausen said.

On Pine Street off of Maryville Road, for example, a series of 14 homes includes seven in the city and seven outside the city. But the homes within the city limits are not near each other, creating a nightmare for emergency services dispatchers.

"If there is a question, our policy is to respond first and worry about jurisdiction later," Ruebhausen said.

In another area of the city, just east of Maryville Road, more than 150 homes currently outside the city's limits could be taken into the city if a single resident can be convinced to annex. Completely surrounded by the city.

But Brown said the owner of the residence refuses to be annexed because he would have to pay an additional \$52.16 a year in property taxes.

Providing property tax incentives is apparently not unprecedented in the city. Several city officials have said that residents of the Legacy subdivision, one of the most exclusive neighborhoods in the city — have been provided a 25 percent reduction in their assessed valuation for a period of up to 10 years.

Brown said the city has not forcibly annexed a residence for many years. Such action is politically undesirable because it usually has the effect of bringing voters into the city who are hostile to the existing administration.

But the City Council will be asked Tuesday to annex two parcels of property without an accompanying request by the owners: Strange and Coleman Inc. mechanical contractors and a farm both located in the 3500 block of Illinois 62.

Both parcels became contiguous with the city last month, when Lindsay Construction Co. and the Lakeview Driving Range and Bunting Cages were annexed into the city at the request of the owners.

of Teamsters Local 525, Alton. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lloyd and Florence (Marshall) Cox; and two sisters, Helen Wick Cox and Mildred McGinnis.

Survivors include a daughter, Pam Treiber of St. Louis; one stepdaughter, Jeanette Burton of Imperial, Mo.; two brothers, Bill Cox of Highridge, Mo., and Jim Cox of Kansas City, Mo.; and two grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 4 to 9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2, at Thomas Memorial Chapel, 2205 Pontoon Road, Granite City. Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, at Thomas Chapel. Burial will be in St. John Cemetery, 2901 Nameoki Road, Granite City.

Dale Fortner

Dale W. Fortner, 70, of Glen Carbon, formerly of Granite City, died at 8:50 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville. He was born May 30, 1928, in Moweaqua.

Mr. Fortner, a veteran, was employed at the U.S. Army Aviation Research and Development Command Center for 36 years in management before retiring in January 1982. He was a member of the Moose Lodge in Glen Carbon, Granite City Elks Lodge BPO 1063, Edwardsville American Legion Post 0199, National Council of Senior Citizens, A.A.R.P., and a life member of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John P. and Clara I. (Pettie) Fortner; three brothers, Rellie, Elzie, and John Fortner; and one sister, Sarah Goldie Manning.

Survivors include his wife, Hildegarde H. (Wenzel) Fortner, whom he married Nov. 23, 1968, in Granite City; two brothers, Edward Fortner of Decatur and one sister, Mildred LeMar of Decatur.

Services were Saturday at Thomas Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road, Granite City, with the Rev. Bob Jones officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon.

Memorials suggested to either American Cancer Society or Hospice of Madison County.

Neighborhood Watch meeting

Granite City Ward 3 Neighborhood Watch meeting 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, at V.F.W. Hall, 21st & Washington. Bring a friend. For more information call coordinator Marilyn Matsko at 876-3443.

Charged

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in Granite City, was charged with two counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse in a warrant issued Wednesday.

He is alleged to have had sex with a girl aged 13 to 16 between November 1994 and June 1996. A U.S. Army World War II veteran, he was awarded two Bronze Stars.

Survivors include three sons, Dan Graville of Edwardsville, Michael Graville of Corcoran, Calif., and Jeffrey Graville of Las Vegas; his friend, Jean Martin of Granite City; two brothers, Dan Graville of St. Louis and John Graville of Madison; two sisters, Connie George of Madison and Helen Kutosky of Granite City; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Daniel and Julia (Mihner) Graville. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1, at Irwin Chapel, 3860 Maryville Road, Granite City. Amvets Honor Guard Service will begin at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2, at First Presbyterian Church, 2160 Delmar, Granite City.

Also charged in connection with the investigation are Tonia R. Hayes, 26, of the 2500 block of Washington Avenue; Callie J. Meadows, 22, who lived with Hayes; and Edward James Harper, 71, of the 3000 block of Maryville Road; were each charged with four counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse.

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In October, officials from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service found 38 dead birds on the property, and Shell and the service called the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to help develop a protection program.

Two inactive outdoor areas asphalt pits — were found to be contaminated with layers of oil waste and sludge. The pits exposed migratory birds

— such as pied-billed grebes (on Illinois' Threatened Species List), mourning doves and eastern phoebes — to the oily substances.

"They are attractive nuisances for birds. In other words, they look like a good place to land," Shell spokeswoman Tara Condon-Tullier said.

In warm weather, the asphalt melts, "and it looks like water to the birds," she said.

Shell has cleared the two pits and placed barriers to deter birds from landing there. The company also is cleaning up a huge contaminated holding pond no longer in use.



Filling — Alice Best fills her plate with some of the pork roast at the Thanksgiving senior lunch held at Niedringhaus United Methodist Church last week.

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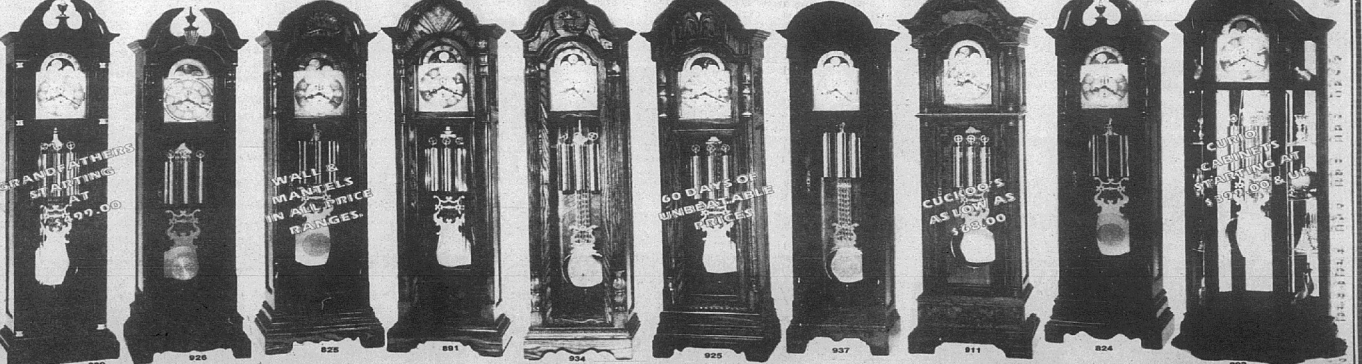
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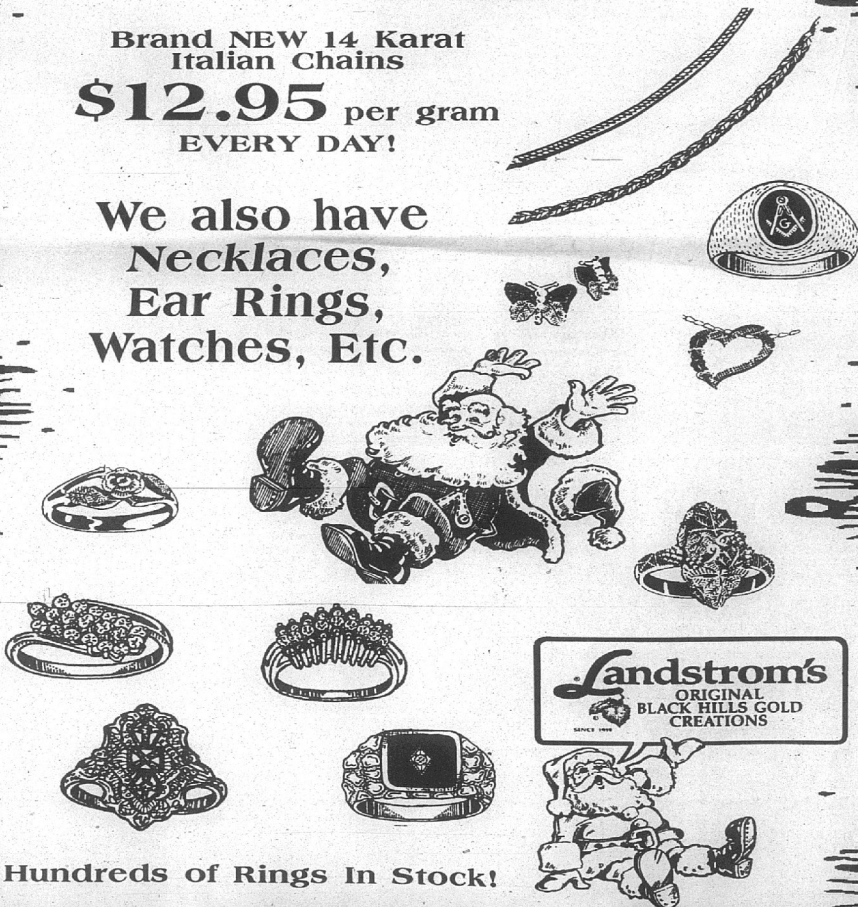
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A family reading night

Program encourages parental participation

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Either cuddled together on a bean-bag chair or sitting next to a tepee, parents and children took turns reading to one another.

In another part of the school's multi-purpose building, parents and children worked together to make

Native American headbands. About 110 parents and children participated in the family reading night program at Blair School last Thursday. Harris School had a similar program the night before.

Both were part of the district's attempt to encourage reading and parent participation.

Antonia Valentine, who

attended the program with her two children, kindergarten student Robert and second-grader Antiana, said it was an "excellent" program.

"It's a way for the parents to get with their kids and spend some quality time, especially for those of us who work all day," she said.

She was preparing to read "The Magic School Bus" to her children. Ramona Gasper was there with her son, Roger, also a second-grader. They had already spent time reading together, and were busy making headbands.

"I think it's wonderful," Gasper said. "It allows the parent and child to come together and spend some quality time together and also it gives the parents and teachers involved to gather, working together to give the child the best quality education."

While reading she said they went through six small books. Both especially liked "My Mother and Me."

"We really liked that book," she said. "They should do this more often, because it's good for the community."

Assistant Superintendent Hilda Everage said the Blair program was part of a districtwide effort to encourage reading and parent involvement.

"This year all the schools have various family activities," Everage said. "Tonight is family reading night. It's designed to bring the parents to school and give them ideas to take home to



(Staff photos by JOHN FRESE)

Cheryl Jenkins follows along as her daughter LeRoy Caraway, 9, reads a story in the Blair School Library.

help their children." She said the district's programs are part of a national focus on involving the families in the child's education.

Beverly Harrison, a third grade teacher at Blair, said the program not only promotes family involvement, but also shows parents how to help improve their child's reading skills.

"We're working on improving our reading scores, and we're encouraging our parents to spend time with their children, and do reading with their children," she said.

Judy Zeisset, early childhood teacher at the school, said such programs are "very important."

Zeisset spends much of her

time reading to the children — both individually and as a group.

"It's very important to get the families together, and to make it important for families to realize that they have to work with the teachers and the teachers have to work with the parents to get the children to

learn more," she said.

Bobbie Dallas, the school's title resource educator, said such programs are "extremely important."

"It's hard to express and explain the difference it makes in a child's life and in their academic success later on," she said of such programs.



Lerlie Prothro, center, reads to her children, Menelik, 4, left, and Mariamma, 6, right.

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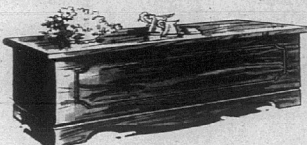
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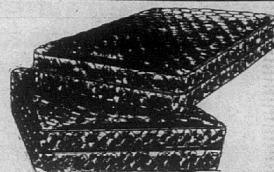


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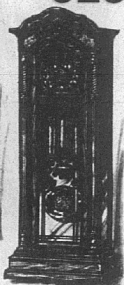
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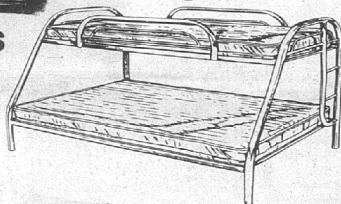
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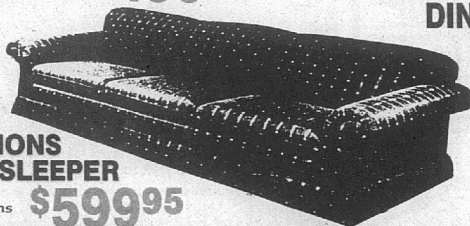
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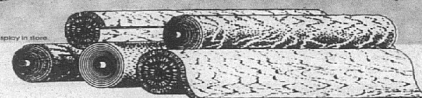


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Cardinals
Athlete of the Week

Art Voellinger

Bush making fast recovery in fall league

Just because the leaves have fallen and there's a hint of snow in the air, it does not mean the baseball season is at an end.

The object of my attention is the Arizona Fall League, where East St. Louis native Homer Bush is playing with the San Diego Padres Sox and hopeful of earning a permanent place on the San Diego Padres roster.

A member of the Padres' 40-man roster last winter, Bush began the 1996 season with the Las Vegas Stars, where he was the team's leading hitter until breaking his right leg.

In the 32nd game of the season and while hitting .362, Bush was hurt when he slid awkwardly into second base. "When it happened, I thought my career was over," Bush was quoted as saying.

And, who could doubt Homer? A seventh-round draft selection in 1991 thanks to a recommendation from San Diego scout Van Smith of Belleville, Bush began his pro career hitting .323 at Scottsdale and two seasons later led the Class A Midwest League with a .322 batting average and 39 stolen bases at Waterloo, Iowa.

By 1996, he had a .280 average at Waterloo, where he had 121 hits in 108 games, recorded two 10-game hitting streaks and stole 34 bases.

But if Bush, who was a football and baseball star at East St. Louis Senior High, cried when he was injured, his tears were momentary since during his rehab San Diego added him to the big league roster in the 60-day disabled list category.

That meant Bush not only could rehab at the San Diego Scripps Clinic, but also could learn from rubbing shoulders with hitters like Ken Caminiti, Tony Gwynn and Steve Finley.

"I also got to watch the pitchers at that level," Bush said.

A second baseman-shortstop, Bush claims he is playing pain-free now and gave signs of his forte when he singled on the first pitch he saw in the Arizona League, which includes five other teams composed of major leaguers and top prospects.

A righthanded hitter who turned 24 on Nov. 12, Bush has never averaged below .280 in a pro season and has never gone without a hit. No wonder why he has more to look forward to than just a healthy right leg.

EXTRA INNINGS: The future of Cardinals relief pitcher T.J. Mathews rest with the performance of another Arizona League player—righthander Eric Ludwick.

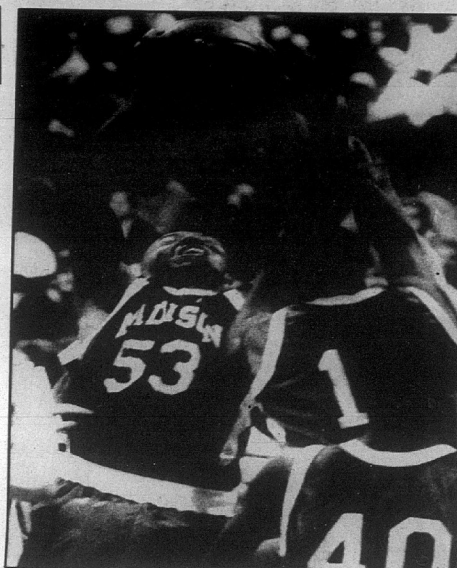
In Scottsdale's first 18 victories, the 6-foot-5, 220-pound Ludwick had 13 saves in 15 opportunities and 26 strikeouts in 21 innings. By midweek, the 24-year-old pitcher, who was obtained from the New York Mets as part of the Bernard Gilkey trade, resides in Las Vegas, where Mathews lives while preparing for the 1997 season.

OVERTIME: Sports Illustrated has focused on several Southwestern Illinois names of note in recent editions—East St. Louis native Hank Bauer, jockey Dave Call of Edwardsville and baseball fans/photographers Kevin and David McFarland of Belleville.

Bauer, a SI cover feature in July 1997, still holds a record of a 17-game World Series hitting streak with the Yankees. Now 74 and a survivor of throat cancer, Hank resides in Kansas City with his wife Charlene.

Gall was a face in the SI crowd after he became only the fourth thoroughbred racing

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(Staff photos by JOHN FRESE)

Senior point guard Kyle Briggs returns to lead the offense for the Warriors, who look to feature a strong inside game keyed by Dustin Brewer (above, right) and Ray Smith. GCHS, coming off a 10-7 season, returns three starters and opens the season Tuesday at Triad.

Deep squad fueling Trojans' high hopes

By Brian L. Jones

Correspondent

You never know what to expect from the Madison High School boys basketball team.

Trojans coach Al Collins has had his share of talented teams decline during second semesters. Key injuries and Unit 12's lofty academic standards for athletes often have threatened the stability of the basketball program.

By the same token, Collins has had so-called rebuilding teams come from nowhere to eliminate so-called superior playoff rivals.

(See Madison's 19-8 sectional championship 1990-91.)

Madison's last four records have been 14-13, 7-17, 8-15 and 16-9 last season. That 1995-96 team barely lost to host Freeburg in the regional finals and guard Milan Jones, a defensive specialist, was its only starter lost to graduation.

All things being equal, Madison should make a strong bid for its first regional title in five years. Or how about a first Elite Eight appearance since the Reggie Banks/Reggie Young era of 1987?

"I'm expecting a lot from this team this year," said Collins, whose Trojans open the

season 8 p.m. Tuesday against visiting Waterloo.

"I'm talking about going all the way to state," Collins readily means that. These guys might be a little better than that '91 super-sectional team with Andre Mays and Ron Lott and Antonio Smith and those guys. This team now is more well-rounded. We have six players who can start and they all are good in more than one category—whether it's offense, defense, rebounding or whatever.

(See TROJANS, Page 48)

Collins squad of 1990-91.

March 4-7: Regional Tournament

March 11-13: Sectional Tournament

March 14-15: State Tournament

MADISON TROJANS

1996-97 Boys Basketball

December
3 Waterloo..... 8 p.m.
6 Berkeley (Mo.)..... 7 p.m.
10 at Beaumont (Mo.)..... 6 p.m.
12 at Gateway..... 6 p.m.
17 Hillsboro..... 4:45 p.m.
20 Springfield Calvary..... 7:45 p.m.
21 at Brussels..... 7:30 p.m.
27-29 Collinsville Tournament, TBA

January
4 at Charleston..... 7:30 p.m.
14 McCluer..... 7 p.m.
17 at Pittsfield..... 7 p.m.
18 East St. Louis..... 7:30 p.m.
21 Nashville Invitational, TBA
23 Lebanon..... 7:30 p.m.

February
1 Pinckneyville Shootout..... 6 p.m.
7 at Venice..... 7:30 p.m.
8 at Alton..... 7:30 p.m.
13 Loveloy..... 7:30 p.m.
15 Greenville Shootout..... 5:30 p.m.
21 at Paducah..... 6 p.m.

Feb. 24-25: Regional Tournament
March 4-7: Sectional Tournament
March 11-13: State Tournament

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Wrestlers (3-0) outlast O'Fallon in opener

By Brian L. Jones

Correspondent

GCHS coach Mike Garland was half right and half wrong about his prep wrestling team.

"We can be beaten quite a few times because of our youth and inexperience," Garland said entering the season.

A case can be made for the Warriors still being vulnerable after they won by "only" a 45-24 score over host O'Fallon last Tuesday in the season opener. GCHS had a much easier time kicking off its 24-1 season of last year when it flattened O'Fallon by a 51-14 score.

But as for getting beaten,

the Warriors still haven't experienced that yet. They are off to another 3-0 start after easy triangular victories Wednesday night over Carbondale (66-3) and Centralia (71-8) at the Edwardsville High gymnasium. The Warriors dominated by very similar scores last year over those two Southwestern Conference programs, so the O'Fallon win was a better indication of the potential of this so-called rebuilding Granite City team.

The Warriors won eight of the 13 weight classes against O'Fallon, although two of the wins were by forfeit. They recorded three victories by fall and two of the three scoring



GCHS set to measure up against conference elite

Warriors look to raise game in new SWC

By Brian L. Jones

Correspondent

Anticipation is already brewing over the additions of Edwardsville and East St. Louis Lincoln to an already loaded Southwestern Conference.

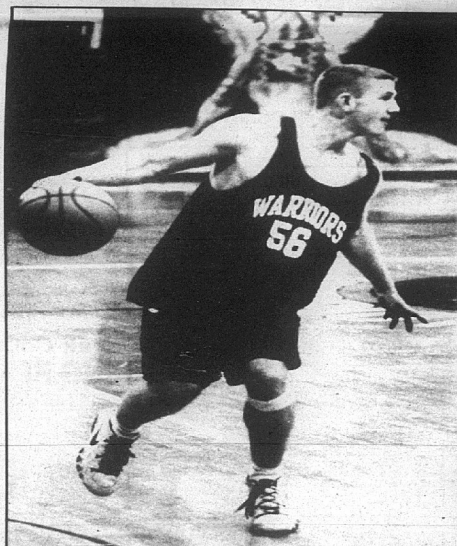
But the timing may not be all that sensational for Granite City boys basketball coach John Van Buskirk. His Warriors would like to climb to the top half of the SWC standings after finishing fifth last year at 2-7 in the former six-team alignment.

The Warriors, 10-17 overall last year, have the size, talent and potential this year to get

stepping. Then again, Belleville East (24-7), Alton (22-7) and defending champion Collinsville (23-8) have other elite peers now to stomp the rungs behind them. Edwardsville went 19-9 last year, losing to Belleville East in the Collinsville Class AA sectional finals. Lincoln (15-9) has won 10 regional titles since 1989.

"The toughest part of it now is that you have to play 14 league games," said Van Buskirk, who opens his fifth season with GCHS at 8 p.m. Tuesday when the Warriors visit Triad (14-13). "Edwardsville and Lincoln come right in and sit right at the top of the league. Then you have Belleville East as the favorite and Alton

(See WARRIORS, Page 38)



Senior Kevin Bradley, who averaged in double figures in scoring and rebounding last season, returns to give the Trojans muscle around the basket.

Officers edge firefighters in Showdown

By Daniel J. Ladd

Correspondent

Usually, police officers and firefighters are kindred spirits—brothers-in-arms who share similar insight into what it means to sacrifice for the community.

On the night before Thanksgiving, however, a new twist appeared in that traditional relationship. Beginning in 1996, and continuing for each year hereafter, those who wear badges and those who carry hoses will meet to debate the question of which profession draws the tougher breed.

The debate will be settled under the Marquis de Queensbury rules, and the uniforms will be boxing trunks, gloves, mouthpieces and headgear.

On Wednesday, a team of police officers from the St. Louis area will meet on the team of firefighters in the Ninth Annual Metro Budweiser Boxing Showdown, a popular charity event sponsored by Grey Eagle Distributors and held at Kiel Center under the auspices of the St. Louis Amateur Boxing Association.

For the first time since the inception of the event, the teams were drawn along professional lines, rather than geographic. In the eight previous Showdowns, the teams were St. Louis City vs. County. However, eight straight pummelings of the county by their better-trained city rivals led to a new theme: Guns and Hoses.

The event, which ended in a narrow 11-9 victory by the police team, drew a record crowd of 10,427.

The event has been held each year to raise money for the Backstoppers, a group dedicated to helping the families of police officers and firefighters who gave their lives in the line of duty.

According to Jerry Clinton, CEO of Grey Eagle Distributors, the event, and the cause, is "near and dear" to his heart.

"This is very special for me," Clinton said. "It's a special cause, helping the police and firefighters in our community."

Clinton, a former Golden Gloves fighter in his youth, has a reputation for being the best boxer St. Louis amateur boxing has ever had. Besides the

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Stats 'n stuff

GC Park District

| Basketball | |
|---|--|
| Scores through Nov. 25 | |
| Tuesdays | |
| Kramden's 72, Harvest Assembly 37 | |
| Pace TruValue 72, Coss Nostra 30 | |
| Jacobsmeyers 74, McKinley Iron 43 | |
| Wednesdays | |
| Renegades 83, Smokey Joe's 65 | |
| Jacobsmeyers 84, Purpleness 63 | |
| Sports Print 107, Commercial Telephone 48 | |
| Thursdays | |
| Ernie & Annie's 1-0 | |
| Bindy's 1-0 | |
| Jacobsmeyers 1-0 | |
| Knight of Columbus 0-1 | |
| Burns Liquor 0-1 | |
| Running Rebel 0-1 | |
| Scores | |
| Ernie & Annie's 17, Burns 40 | |
| Bindy's 81, Running Rebel 54 | |
| Bindy's 11, K of C 63 | |

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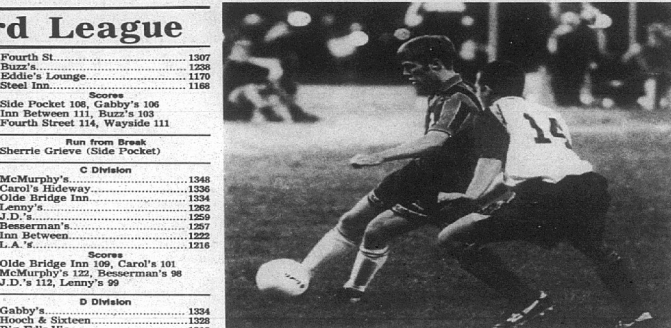
| Men's League | |
|--|--|
| Standings after 12 weeks | |
| A Division | |
| Gabby's #1.....1209 | |
| Lenny's.....1207 | |
| Don & Brenda's.....1262 | |
| Top of Landing.....1210 | |
| Besserman's #2.....1193 | |
| Gabby's #2.....1117 | |
| The Break.....1101 | |
| Scores | |
| Side Pocket 106, Gabby's #1 84 | |
| Don & Brenda's 118, Top of Landing 103 | |
| J.D.'s 127, Club House 100 | |
| Steel Inn 110, Besserman's 109 | |
| Ken's 127, T.J.'s 108 | |
| Run from Break | |
| Run from Break (Besserman's #2) | |
| Mike Dawson (Side Pocket) | |
| Don Boone (In Between) | |
| Mike Drake (In Between) | |
| B Division | |
| Pinch Line.....1355 | |
| Village Inn.....1310 | |
| Wayside #1.....1316 | |
| Al's 520 #1.....1305 | |
| Al's 520 #2.....1296 | |
| Sammy's.....1248 | |
| Jim & Lu's.....1213 | |
| Wayside #2.....1195 | |
| Scores | |
| Village Inn 111, Pinch Line 100 | |
| Wayside #1 122, Al's 520 #1 95 | |
| Sammy's 125, Al's 520 #2 97 | |
| Jim & Lu's 105, Wayside #2 95 | |
| Eight Ball on Break | |
| Dale Hadley (Wayside #1) | |
| Mike Smith (Wayside #1) | |
| Run from Break | |
| Run from Break (Village Inn) | |
| Mike Painter (Village Inn) | |
| C Division | |
| Steel Inn.....1364 | |
| Don & Brenda's.....1311 | |
| Top of Landing.....1290 | |
| V. Lounge.....1277 | |
| Hoch & Sixteen.....1261 | |
| Besserman's.....1259 | |
| El Gato.....1249 | |
| Scores | |
| Besserman's 108, Lin's Place 96 | |
| Hoch & Sixteen 118, Village Inn 106 | |
| Steel Inn 109, Don & Brenda's 102 | |
| Olde Bridge Inn 117, El Gato 102 | |
| D Division | |
| Top of Landing.....1383 | |
| Don & Brenda's.....1359 | |
| Eddie's Lounge.....1355 | |
| Killians Inn.....1350 | |
| Lin's Place.....1312 | |
| Sammy's.....1310 | |
| Fourth St.....1293 | |
| Hochs.....1281 | |
| Village Inn.....1280 | |
| Ken's Lounge.....1171 | |
| Scores | |
| Killians Inn 114, Lin's Place 93 | |
| Sammy's 112, Don & Brenda's 110 | |
| Eddie's 127, Ken's 99 | |
| Top of Landing 118, Fourth Street 113 | |
| Top 122, Village Inn 100 | |
| E Division | |
| Top of Landing.....1383 | |
| Don & Brenda's.....1359 | |
| Eddie's Lounge.....1355 | |
| Killians Inn.....1350 | |
| Lin's Place.....1312 | |
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| Village Inn.....1280 | |
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| Sammy's 112, Don & Brenda's 110 | |
| Eddie's 127, Ken's 99 | |
| Top of Landing 118, Fourth Street 113 | |
| Top 122, Village Inn 100 | |

Prep football

| ALTON REDBIRDS (2-7) | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1995 Record: 1-8 | |
| Class: 6A | |
| Conference: Southwestern | |
| School Record: 2-7 (1st year) | |
| Career Record: 194-42 (20th year) | |
| August | |
| 1 at Althoff.....L 13-34 | |
| September | |
| 6 Quincy.....W 28-8 | |
| 13 at Edwardsville.....L 7-56 | |
| 20 Belleville West.....L 6-7 | |
| 27 ESL Lincoln.....L 22-32 | |
| October | |
| 1 at Collinsville.....L 41-50 | |
| 11 at Granite City.....W 45-27 | |
| 18 at Belleville East.....L 24-55 | |
| 25 at East St. Louis.....L 9-14 | |
| BELLEVILLE EAST LANCERS (3-6) | |
| 1995 Record: 4-5 | |
| Class: 6A | |
| Conference: Southwestern | |
| School Record: 74-69 (14th year) | |
| Career Record: 74-69 (14th year) | |
| August | |
| 1 at Moline at ISU.....L 13-33 | |



Granite City girls basketball coach Chuck Kraus talks to the Lady Warriors during a break in their season opener at Mascoutah. GCHS (0-1) is scheduled to play host to Belleville East on Tuesday.



GCHS soccer player Dane Bauer (left) looks to get past Brian O'Neal of St. Louis University High.

| Southwestern Conference | |
|--|--|
| All-Conference Teams | |
| SOCCER | |
| First Team | |
| Nick Fisher, Sr., Alton; Jason Gladson, Sr., Belleville East; Larry Scheller, Jr., Belleville East; Brad Mann, Sr., Collinsville; Ryan Davinroy, Sr., Belleville West; Nick Redman, Sr., Collinsville; Jeff Rhymer, Jr., Collinsville; Mark Bugger, Sr., Edwardsville; Kyle Briggs, Sr., Granite City; Scott Mills, Sr., Granite City; Jeremy Smith (GK), Jr., Granite City. | |
| Second Team | |
| Tom Meddel, Sr., Alton; Ryan Martin, Sr., Belleville East; Nick Brownfield, Sr., Belleville West; Todd Althoff, Sr., Collinsville; Brad Mann, Sr., Collinsville; Greg Aberle, Sr., Edwardsville; Zack Evans, Jr., Edwardsville; Tom Hofedtz, Sr., Edwardsville; Eric Edwards, Sr., Granite City; Eric Wilkerson, Sr., Granite City; Joel Cowan (GK), Jr., Alton. | |
| TENNIS | |
| First Team (Singles) | |
| Kristen Haines, Belleville West; Anne Castello, Belleville West; Brea Phillips, Belleville East; Becky Brunner, Belleville East; Katie Schmidt, Edwardsville; | |

Journal Writers' Poll Boys Soccer

| Week of Nov. 27 | |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1. CBC (26-5-2).....70 | |
| 2. SLUH (24-4-1).....63 | |
| 3. DeSmet (20-9-1).....54 | |
| 4. Aquinas Mercy (21-6-3).....51 | |
| 5. Chamnadin (20-5-4).....36 | |
| 6. Hazelwood C. (19-9-3).....32 | |
| 7. Francis Howell N. (20-5-3).....25 | |
| 8. Collinsville (18-6-2).....24 | |
| 9. St. Dominic (10-4-6).....17 | |
| 10. (tie) Lafayette (20-6-2).....4 | |
| 10. (tie) St. Mary's (13-13-5).....4 | |

Journal Writers' Poll Football

| LARGE SCHOOLS | |
|------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Hazelwood Central (12-1).....70 | |
| 2. Mehlville (12-1).....62 | |
| 3. Edwardsville (10-1).....62 | |
| 4. SLUH (9-3).....50 | |
| 5. Pattonville (9-2).....48 | |
| 6. Francis Howell (10-2).....32 | |
| 7. Hazelwood East (8-2).....31 | |
| 8. CBC (9-1).....19 | |
| 9. Webster Groves (8-2).....15 | |
| 10. East St. Louis (9-2).....8 | |

| SMALL SCHOOLS | |
|----------------------------------|--|
| 1. MICDS (12-0).....70 | |
| 2. St. Charles West (9-2).....59 | |
| 3. John Burroughs (8-4).....54 | |
| 4. Herculaneum (9-1).....53 | |
| 5. Freeburg (9-2).....53 | |
| 6. Ladue (8-2).....35 | |
| 7. Berkeley (9-2).....28 | |
| 8. Althoff (8-3).....23 | |
| 9. Priory (8-2).....9 | |
| 10. Eureka (5-7).....6 | |

| Southwestern Conference | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Team | League W L W L Overall |
| Edwardsville | 7 0 10 1 |
| East St. Louis | 5 1 9 2 |
| Collinsville | 5 2 6 4 |
| Granite City | 3 4 3 6 |
| Belleville East | 3 4 3 6 |
| Belleville West | 2 5 2 7 |
| Alton | 1 6 2 7 |
| ESL Lincoln | 1 6 1 8 |

| Cahokia Conference | |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| Team | League W L W L Overall |
| Freeburg | 6 0 9 1 |
| St. Charles West | 5 1 9 2 |
| Columbia | 4 2 5 4 |
| Waterloo | 3 3 6 3 |
| Dupo | 3 3 6 3 |
| Red Bud | 2 4 2 7 |
| Mascoutah | 2 4 2 7 |
| Wood River | 1 6 1 8 |

| Mississippi Valley Conference | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Team | League W L W L Overall |
| Triad | 5 1 9 2 |
| Jerseyville | 4 2 7 3 |
| St. Charles East | 3 3 6 3 |
| Roxana | 3 3 6 3 |
| Highland | 2 4 4 5 |
| Mascoutah | 2 4 4 5 |
| Wood River | 1 6 1 8 |

| South Seven Conference | |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| Team | League W L W L Overall |
| Cahokia | 5 0 7 3 |
| O'Fallon | 4 1 6 3 |
| Mount Vernon | 2 3 4 5 |
| Centralia | 2 3 4 5 |
| Marion | 1 4 1 7 |
| Carbondale | 1 4 1 7 |

| Independents | |
|---------------|-------------|
| Team | Overall W L |
| Althoff | 8 2 |
| M.E. Lutheran | 6 4 |

| 27 at Belleville East.....W 17-14 | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| October | |
| 4 Belleville West.....W 42-14 | |
| 11 Alton.....L 27-45 | |
| 18 at East St. Louis.....L 9-28 | |
| 25 Edwardsville.....L 0-28 | |

| TRIAD KNIGHTS (9-2) | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1995 Record: 6-4 | |
| Conference: Mississippi Valley | |
| Class: 4A | |
| School Record: 93-102 (21st year) | |
| Career Record: 93-102 (21st year) | |
| August | |
| 30 at Jacksonvile.....W 26-8 | |

| September | |
|-------------------------------|--|
| 6 Alton Marquette.....W 42-0 | |
| 13 at Carlinville.....W 42-12 | |
| 20 Wood River.....W 55-14 | |
| 27 at Jerseyville.....L 7-18 | |

| October | |
|---------------------------------|--|
| 4 Mascoutah.....W 35-3 | |
| 11 at Highland.....W 30-0 | |
| 18 Roxana.....W 25-0 | |
| 25 at Clive Memorial.....W 14-3 | |

| November | |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1 Salem.....W 40-22 | |
| 8 at Sacred Heart-Griffin.....L 28-41 | |
| *Playoffs | |

Senior forward team-high 1

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Showdown, impressive center, he has spe locally for 25 y But it is the he is particular "This was Clinton said, exciting show best as a matte Another look who enjoyed th Louis Cardina Mike Shannon. The announce festivities from that it was anno

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Warriors

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is going to be very good." GCBS was very good three years ago when Van Buskirk had his only winning season of 19-12 with a senior-dominated squad. He has since rebuilt steadily from 5-19 two years ago to 10 wins last season, including a regional final appearance. Where do they now fit into the conference spectrum?

"I don't make good predictions so I don't know," Van Buskirk said. "We just want the kids to do the best job they can and see where that takes us. If we can play with those top four or five teams, we'll have a nice ballclub. If we get beat by those teams, we'll be mediocre."

Returning starters Ray Smith and Dustin Brewer would never be taken for mediocre players. A 6-foot-5, 210-pound junior, Brewer started at center last year and averaged 11.6 points per game. Brewer drew lots of traffic in the low post, so Van Buskirk has considered an outlet to open up his game.

"We're trying to make Dustin a (power) forward this year," Van Buskirk said. "He's improved his outside scoring ability. He's still big enough that he can post up people down low, but he's

worked hard on facing up and taking the 15-foot jump shot." Brewer's inside partner again will be the 6-4, 175-pound Smith, a third-year senior starter. Smith led the Warriors in scoring last year at 13.8 points per game and averaged 5.7 rebounds at power forward. "It's nice to have a player who will move to the small forward position, because of the graduation of Bobby Ellis, the team's top rebounder last year at 6.0 per game."

"Ray's also worked a lot on his outside shot," Van Buskirk said. "It's nice to have two physical forwards who can put the ball on the floor and get to the basket quick. Brewer and Smith are the two players that have to carry us. We're also lucky that (senior) Kyle Briggs is going to play this year."

GCBS fans best know the 6-foot Briggs as the All-Midwest soccer player. Some may forget Briggs saw considerable varsity basketball action as a sophomore and began his junior season as the starting point guard.

Briggs hurt his knee during the first weekend of the season and he sat out the rest of the year. Van Buskirk said, "Fortunately, we had Steve Logan to step in as a senior and do a great job in his place."

Logan, who led the Warriors in assists and steals, is now a freshman soccer player at Rockhurst College in Kansas City. Also gone is former shooting guard Jay Simpson, who averaged 12.7 points and now plays basketball for

GRANITE CITY WARRIORS

1996-97 Boys Basketball

December

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| 3 at Triad | 6:15 p.m. |
| 6 Edwardsville | 6:15 p.m. |
| 7 Collinsville | 6:15 p.m. |
| 13 Alton | 6:15 p.m. |
| 20 at Belleville East | 6:15 p.m. |
| 21 Jerseyville | 6:15 p.m. |
| 26 Collinsville Tournament | TBA |

January

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| 4 Belleville West | 6:15 p.m. |
| 7 at Clive Memorial | 6:15 p.m. |
| 7 at East St. Louis | 6:15 p.m. |
| 18 at ESL Lincoln | 6:15 p.m. |
| 22-25 Salem Invitational | TBA |
| 31 at Edwardsville | 6:15 p.m. |

February

| | |
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| 1 at Alton | 6:15 p.m. |
| 7 Belleville East | 6:15 p.m. |
| 14 at Belleville West | 6:15 p.m. |
| 16 McCluer North | 6:15 p.m. |
| 21 East St. Louis | 6:15 p.m. |
| 22 at Collinsville | 6:15 p.m. |
| 28 ESL Lincoln | 6:15 p.m. |

March 6-7: Regional Tournament

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Greenview College

Kyle Briggs will give us the same assists numbers we got from Logan, plus he's a better scorer," Van Buskirk said. "He brings a lot of leadership to the floor because he's like an extra coach out there. You tell him to do something and he gets done. Ray and Dustin are very important parts of our basketball team. He'll look to get them the ball in their best possible positions to score."

Van Buskirk has depth at the two other positions with five potential starters battling to

the final preseason practice. Junior Tim Wallace (5-11) has slightly more varsity experience at shooting guard, but senior Mike Alvord (5-11) also can fire from long range.

"Regardless of who starts, they'll both get a lot of playing time because they can hit the 3-point shot," Van Buskirk said. "That's what we're going to need from them to open things up inside for Ray and Dustin."

Van Buskirk only wants inside rebounding help from his centers, so anything else they add will be gravy. Senior Rob Turck (6-5, 185) has the edge in bulk and experience, but senior Jeff Hoenig (6-4, 170) has a nice shooting touch. Senior center Mike Poesy (6-1, 210), the Tennessee transfer student who led the GCBS football team in rushing, compensates for his lack of height with physical inside power.

GCBS also has good size within its underclass programs, but Van Buskirk is not yet ready to mention names. Sources say junior football standouts Jeff Hayden (6-3, 200) and the Rocky Smith (6-1, 175). Ray's brother, are pressing quickly at the JV level.

"Right now, we're only looking at those top eight kids, because I usually don't go very deep on the bench, anyway," Van Buskirk said. "The younger big kids aren't ready yet for the varsity. But yes, of course, we'd like to see a couple of them develop to the point of moving up before the end of the season."

(Staff photos by JOHN FRESE)

Senior forward Ray Smith, a third-year starter, averaged a team-high 13.8 points per game last season.

Showdown

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Showdown, which draws impressive crowds to Kiel Center, he has sponsored the sport locally for 25 years.

But it is the Showdown that he is particularly proud of. "This was a great night," Clinton said. "It was a very exciting show — one of our best as a matter of fact."

Another local St. Louisan who enjoyed the event was St. Louis Cardinals broadcaster Mike Shannon.

The announcer, watching the festivities from ringside, said that it was another example of

the rich sporting life available in St. Louis, and he predicted that the event would continue to grow in stature.

"This is one of the greatest shows amateur-wise in St. Louis," Shannon said. "You know, we have everything here — professional football, baseball and so forth — but what a wonderful evening this is for the great cause of the Backstoppers. In the next five years they'll sell out the Kiel for this. They'll sell it out."

However, something slightly more personal than sporting enthusiasm brought Shannon to the Kiel.

His daughter Peg Shannon, a University City firefighter, took part in one of the two women's bouts on the card.

"She's a wonderful lady," Shannon said. "She's dedicated herself to be a paramedic and firefighter."

She also had more ring sav-

vy than many of her male counterparts.

One of the biggest crowd pleasers of the evening, Shannon entering the ring with a determined scowl, brushed off solid shots fired by her opponent, south side cop Michelle Yetter, and fought to a solid 5-0 victory.

While many boxing purists are skittish about the women's bouts, Shannon proved that she had more than a right to be in the ring. She kept cool, didn't get rattled, and picked her shots carefully, working a right cross that would have caught attention of just about any of the guys on the card.

The police team victory wasn't sealed until the last bout of the night, when Crystal City police officer William Reese out-punished Mehlville fireman Rush Remington in a 4-1 decision.

Wrestlers

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Josh Conary in the 125-pound division.

While Garland expects freshman standout Gary Oxford to wrestle at 103 pounds most of the season, Oxford opened at 112 against O'Fallon and recorded one of the Warriors' three victories by fall. He pinned Derek Reeves at 2:39 in the second period for the first victory of the dual meet.

Rich Carney made weight at 103 as the Warriors' only surprise entry, but he won by forfeit.

Freshman Dan Robinson suffered Granite City's first loss of the meet in a 20-2 major decision against Aaron Enskat.

After Kelly's 125 match, O'Fallon won the next two divisions. Chuck Burrows, an All-Area honorable mention choice from last year, easily

handled junior Matt Werner in a 13-1 decision at 130 pounds.

Tatum Hackney won't let the Panthers at 135 by pinning sophomore Ryan Worthen at 4:55 in the third period. Werner and Worthen are still adjusting for GCBS after competing on the JV level last year.

"They both had winning records and fortunately all of our kids were successful at that level last year," Garland said. "Of course, it's a big jump from JV to varsity. In some instances, you're going to be wrestling the same kids you wrestled the year before."

"Although a lot of these guys are freshmen and sophomores, I tell them it doesn't matter what grade you're in or how old you are. You're a varsity wrestler and you're expected to win. That's not putting pressure on them. That's giving them the confidence we have in them that they can reach those expectations."

GCBS sophomore Brooks Narvaez apparently took the message to heart when he recorded a 10-5 win over

O'Fallon's Jason Dowdy at 140. Junior Jonas Janek won at 145 by pinning Todd Keilbach with only eight seconds left in the third period. The classic match-up of the meet was between senior Marshall Goodman of O'Fallon and David Thompson at 152 pounds.

Marshall has a second-team All-Area selection last year after going 23-16 at 145 pounds and was the wrestling backbone of the Class AA state tournament. Thompson is a returning sectional qualifier. With those credentials, it's no surprise the two battled beyond the wire Tuesday in Goodman's 15-13 overtime win.

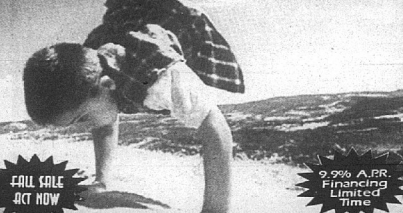
GCBS junior Ike Newman had an easier time at 160 pounds after pinning Eric Woods at 3:30 in the second period. Freshman George Kirgan of GCBS won a 12-3 major decision over Chris Oliver at 171, while sophomore teammate Kevin Venné got the other forfeit decision at 189.

O'Fallon easily won the final heavyweight match, which ended at 1:29 in the first period when Paul Garrett pinned Ben Temple.

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SPORTS

•Trojans

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er." Take senior center Kevin Bradley, for example. If Madison had a football team, the 6-foot-4, 220-pound Bradley would have been a starting offensive tackle. He rebounds like an offensive lineman, flexing his muscles last year for a team-high 11.9 rebounds per game.

But Bradley also led a balanced Madison scoring attack at just under 12 points per game. His offensive skills are graceful for a big man.

"This year, he's added that little 15-foot jumper he can hit pretty consistently," Collins said. "We're still going to look for him inside, though, because he's tough to handle in the paint."

Senior forward Tywansley Patten (6-5, 170) has grown nearly two inches and gives the Trojans their closest version of a "twin towers" combination in many years. Patten averaged six points and 8.3 rebounds as a junior starter.

"If Tywansley Patten becomes the aggressive player he's appearing to be right now, he could be a dominant player," Collins said. "He can be a great shot blocker with those long arms of his. He can score and he can rebound."

Madison's best all-around player is 6-foot junior guard Maurice Baker, who started at forward as a sophomore and floated around the basket for nearly 10 rebounds per game. Baker led the team in steals (5.2 per game) and assists (6.2 per game) and averaged nearly 10 points.

His season high last year was 19 points and he will almost surely get at least one triple-double this year.

"Baker's pretty hard to stop at a scorer, so you might see his offensive numbers go up," Collins said. "He handles the ball well and he's a great passer. He has the outside shot, but he can also drive the lane. He's a tremendous leaper, so he can get inside and rebound for us. He's also one of our best 3-point shooters along with (senior) Demone Sims. He wants the ball in his hands as much as possible."

Madison's fifth starter at forward will be either Sims (6-1, 200) or Brandon McGirt



Junior Maurice Baker returns at guard after leading the Trojans in steals and assists last season.

(6-4), both seniors. "Sims lost about 10 pounds after he got his knee healthy," Collins said. "He's working on getting that outside shot back. McGirt has the range to play guard and he's our perimeter defensive specialist. He has those long arms to deflect passes and help us with our three or four different presses we'll use."

Senior Clifford Burris (6-2, 185) enters the season as the seventh man, but that may not last long.

"Burris could wind up in our starting five, depending on his desire," Collins said. "He has

all kinds of talent. He's a great leaper and a solid defensive player. He can guard any team's guard or forward."

Other top reserve players are seniors Deondre Ware (5-6 guard) and Harry Thomas (6-0 forward) and sophomore forward James Pointer (6-2). Senior Alvin Valentine (6-7), who never has lived out his potential, remains ineligible for the first semester. But Collins would like to give him one last shot in January to make his first varsity contribution since the latter part of his freshman season.

Sports shorts

GCHS soccer dinner
The Granite City Soccer Alumni will hold a dinner and dance party Dec. 21 at the Elks Lodge, 4801 Maryville Road.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. The Legendary Oliver Sain Band will perform beginning at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 and must be purchased by Dec. 18. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Tickets are available at The Medicine Shoppe, Jim's Cuts and Styles, or by calling 652-7838 or 876-1469.

Volleyball tryouts
The Granite City Volleyball club will conduct tryouts Dec. 1 in the small gym at Granite City High School.

Tryouts for girls age 14 and under will be from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Tryouts for girls ages 15, 16 or 17 (and under) will be from 5-8 p.m.

A parent or guardian must accompany all girls who try

out. For more information, call Mike Harris at 452-2317.

Anyone at least 18 years of age who is interested in coaching may also contact Harris.

Boys basketball tournament
The annual KMXX Metro Collegian Boys Basketball Tournament will be held Dec. 20-22 and Dec. 27-29. There are divisions for fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth-grade teams, with a three-game minimum.

For more information, call Joe at (314) 849-0498 or Bryan at (314) 291-3331.

BAC soccer clinic
Belleville Area College will hold a winter soccer clinic from 7-9 p.m. on Dec. 9, 16 and 23 at BAC's intramural gym.

The clinic is for players ages 10-18; limited space is available. Instructors are Larry Petri (head coach at BAC), Chad Lignoul (assistant coach at BAC), Phil Aleman (head coach at Belleville East), Bill

Houck (head coach at Belleville West), Dave Stoenberg (head coach at Althoff) and John Van Buskirk (Indiana University graduate and current German professional). For more information, call the BAC athletic department at 238-2700, extension 271.

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Gateway tryouts
The Gateway Basketball Club will hold tryouts for a 10-and-under boys team Monday, Dec. 2.

For more information, call David Peeters at 428-2889.

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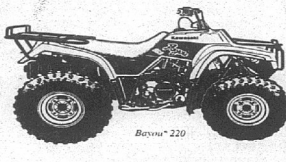
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School menus

Granite City Public Schools

Monday — Breakfast: Pop tarts(2), pear halves, lunch: Pizza, oven fried, cup of cherries.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Cereal, toast & jelly, cup of raisins; lunch: Grilled chicken patty on whole wheat bun with lettuce & tomato, mixed vegetables, apple slices with cinnamon.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Blueberry squares, fresh bananas; lunch: Italian dunkers, whole kernel corn, apricot halves, oatmeal raisins, cookies.

Thursday — Breakfast: French toast sticks with syrup; sliced peaches; lunch: Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, slice of bread, mixed fruit.

Friday — Breakfast: Cinnamon toast (2), fresh bread, lunch: Fish nuggets, macaroni & cheese, sliced carrots, slice of Texas toast, pineapple chunks.

Madison Public Schools

Monday — Breakfast: Cereal, toast; lunch: Pizza, tossed salad, pears, granola bar.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Biscuits & gravy; lunch: BBQ ribs on hoagie bun, baked beans, pickle spear, cherry pie.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Donut; lunch: Chili mac, crackers, peanut butter sandwich, carrot & celery sticks, peaches.

Thursday — Breakfast: Cereal, toast; lunch: Tacos with cheese, lettuce, tomato, salsa, corn, pineapple.

Friday — Breakfast: Pizza; lunch: Tuna salad sandwich, macaroni & cheese, peas, applesauce.

Venice Public Schools

Monday — Breakfast: O.J., French toast; lunch: Polish sausage, baked beans, cup of peaches, sliced bread.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Sliced bacon, jelly; lunch: Chili, crackers, peanut butter sandwich, apple crisp.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Cereal, fruit; lunch: Turkey salad, buttered corn, sliced bread, potato chips.

Thursday — Breakfast: Pancakes, syrup, sausage; lunch: Pork & gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, sliced bread, fruit.

Friday — Breakfast: Cinnamon roll; lunch: Fish, macaroni & cheese, peas, sliced bread, fruit cocktail.

Holy Family

Monday — Burger on bun, sliced cheese, pickles, French fried potatoes, baked beans, blueberries.

Tuesday — Ham rolls, buttered noodles, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread, peanut butter candy.

Wednesday — Meat & gravy over rice or whipped potatoes, green beans, bread, apple crisp.

Thursday — Taco with meat, cheese, lettuce & tomato, refried beans, peanut butter sandwich, pineapple tidbits.

Friday — Toasted cheese sandwich, pickle, tomato soup, carrot sticks, jello with fruit.

Births

Gnan

Paul and Kerri Gnan of Collinsville have announced the birth of their second child, a daughter.

Emily Christine was born at 2:54 p.m. Aug. 24, 1996, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville. She weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces, and joins a sister, Katherine, 23 months.

Paternal grandparents are Dennis and Marlene Rolf of Waconia, Minn.

Paternal grandparents are Harvard and Bernadine Gnan of Chaska, Minn.

Bauer

Ben and Jennifer Bauer of Collinsville have announced the birth of their third child, a son.

David Louis was born Aug. 25, 1996, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville, and joins a sister, Brittany, 5, and brother, Markus, 4.

Paternal grandparents are Barbara Bowser of Granite City and William Lockhart of Belleville.

Paternal grandparents are Diana McDonald of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Louis Bauer of Concord, Calif.

Hunt

David and Bethany Hunt of Edwardsville have announced the birth of their first child, a son.

Spencer Deane was born at 6:15 a.m. Aug. 25, 1996, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville. He weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Judy Scruggs and Grant Davis, both of Fort Worth, Texas.

Paternal grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Dietz Hunt of Tetter House, Ind.

Dietrich

Bob and Ann Dietrich of Glen Carbon have announced the birth of their first child, a daughter.

Elizabeth Ann was born at 6:58 p.m. Aug. 26, 1996, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville. She weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Russ and Gerry Marti of Glen Carbon.

Paternal grandparents are Diane Atkinson of Granite City and Bob Dietrich Sr. of Vincennes, Ind.

Frederickson

Brett and Margaret Frederickson Sr. of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a daughter.

Emily Renee was born at 8:12 p.m. Aug. 26, 1996, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville. She weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces, and joins Brett Jr., 3.

Maternal grandparents are Ed and Dixie Boyer of Granite City.

Paternal grandparents are Ron and Debra Frederickson of Joff Meadow, Ill.

Warfield

Jeff and Mary Warfield of O'Fallon have announced the birth of their third child, a daughter.

Kathryn Elizabeth was born at 5:48 a.m. Aug. 19, 1996, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville. She weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces, and joins sisters Tiffany, 14, and Melody, 2.

Maternal grandparents are Ron and Jo Belt of Collinsville.

Paternal grandparents are Bud and Wanda Warfield of Staunton.

Moore

Christopher and Stacy Moore of Granite City have announced the birth of their fourth child, a daughter.

Olivia Grace was born at 1:24 p.m. Aug. 20, 1996, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville. She weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces, and joins a brother, Cassidy, 10, and sisters Hannah, 9, and Abigail, 6.

Maternal grandparents are Gary Holmes of Godfrey and Grace Kanallakan of Jerseyville.

Paternal grandparents are Phillip Moore of Jerseyville and Linda Moore of Springfield, Ill.

Mull

Tony and Dawn Mull of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a daughter.

Charlotte Nicole was born at 9:14 p.m. Aug. 13, 1996, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville. She weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Lee and Janis Avants of Granite City.

Paternal grandparents are Don and Sue Mull of Granite City.

Sodam

Jason Sodam and Dara Fulmer of Edwardsville have announced the birth of their first child, a daughter.

Katelyn Taylor was born at 3:48 p.m. Aug. 15, 1996, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville. She weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

Maternal grandmother is Beverly Worthen of Madison.

Paternal grandparents are Kathy McCracken of Edwardsville and James Sodam of Freeburg.

Moore

Bruce and Karen Moore of Edwardsville have announced the birth of their second child, a daughter.

Kourtney Lane was born at 7:47 a.m. Aug. 17, 1996, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville.

Paternal grandparents are Elmer and Delores Atwood of Collinsville.

Atwood

Timothy and Crystal Atwood of Caseyville have announced the birth of their second child, a son.

Jacob Thomas was born Aug. 10, 1996, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville, and weighed 10 pounds, 4 ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Paul and Georgia Bunetta of Collinsville.

Paternal grandparents are Elmer and Delores Atwood of Collinsville.

She weighed 8 pounds and joins a sister, Kelsae, 4.

Maternal grandparents are Lealean and Frances Payne of Brownstown, Ill.

Paternal grandparents are Lamar and Kate Moore of Maryville.

Garcia

Katrina Garcia of Granite City has announced the birth of her first child, a son.

Joseph Bradley was born at 5:22 p.m. Aug. 17, 1996, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville. He weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Joseph and Rikki Garcia of Granite City.

Fraily

Dan and Amy Fraily of Troy have announced the birth of their second child, a daughter.

Amy Smyser, was born at 7:01 a.m. Aug. 9, 1996, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville. She weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces, and joins a brother, Tyler, 2 1/2.

Maternal grandparents are Bill and Nancy Smith of Charleston, Ill., and Bob Smyser of Charleston, Ill.

Paternal grandparents are Earl and Nancy Fraily of Beecher City, Ill.

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Indiana Wesleyan accepts Simpson

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Amvets Auxiliary post holds Halloween party

Granite City Amvets Auxiliary Post #51 hosted a children's Halloween party on Saturday, Oct. 26. The children were served hot dogs, chips, and soda. A costume contest was held for the prettiest, scariest, and most original in two age categories: 3-7 and 8-12 years of age.

Winners in the 3-7 age group were Amanda Goor (most original), Less Caviness (scariest), and Amber Olson (prettiest). In the 8-12 age group winners were Michael Keithly (most original), Alex Exolittle (scariest), and Shannon Keithly (prettiest). Each winner was presented with a gift.

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At top, Wilson School teacher Jane Franko shows Brittney Vaughn how to sew a button on the symbol she was making for an Indian button-blanket that will be hung near the entrance to the school. The burlap blanket was festooned with basic Indian symbols chosen by the children. Sewing was a new skill for some of the students. Above left, Troy Risinger shows his teacher Jane Franko where he wants his symbol, which represents flood, on the blanket. Above right, Justin Douglas threads a needle while making a symbol for the eight-foot blanket.



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Storyteller weaves lessons with tales

By Kimberly Haas
Staff writer

Storyteller Bobby Norfolk likes to blend literacy with the performing arts, and that is exactly what he did for Illini Elementary School students in Fairview Heights last week.

Norfolk, a full-time professional storyteller for nine years, told three stories to the students while emphasizing the importance of the environment. Acting out the various parts of the stories before the students, Norfolk was greeted with a chorus of laughter and applause—making his job worthwhile.

"I view this as virtual reality; it's like I stepped out of a television," he said. Working with 12 different themes, Norfolk tailors his stories to those individuals he is speaking to. Traveling up to 40 weeks a year, he usually visits three different locations in one day and has traveled around the world. Norfolk has traveled from West Africa back to his hometown of St. Louis, weaving his magic along the way.

On Saturday mornings on CBS, Norfolk can be seen hosting "Gator Tales," which has one three Emmy awards as Best Children's Show. He has also published several stories and produced numerous recordings.

Norfolk estimates using 450 minutes for storytelling, taking about eight hours to create the entire piece—from his movements to voice inflections—before taking his show on the road.

However, a stuttering problem as a youth almost stopped Norfolk from doing what he now loves. With the encouragement of a high school teacher, he overcame his problem.

"My tenth-grade drama coach said she wanted to use me in a play. I used to think that if I read a book I would have it in front of my face, and I wouldn't have to talk," Norfolk said.

As a student at the University of Missouri, Norfolk received the prestigious Danforth Fellowship for his outstanding work in journalism. At the same time, he performed original poetry and political satire at various events. He continued working in stand-up comedy after graduation.

Upon graduation, he went to work as a National Park Service Ranger at St. Louis' Gateway Arch, using costumes, creating scripts and performing three programs a day for 10 years in first person narratives. "(Storytelling) sought me out. It came right to my work site," he said.

Horoscope

Sunday, Dec. 1
Today proves to be a pleasant, social day. Communication flows and discussions are warm. The sun in Sagittarius keeps tension low, but the Leo moon tends to involve the ego. Not to worry, though—the sun and the moon are in a positive aspect with each other. Take time to recharge in the evening. You have a busy week ahead.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
New, generous friendships have strings attached. Talk with your spouse about changing your career objectives. Add substance to a new creative venue by taking a class or seminar. A Leo is involved in a social event.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Trust is beginning to build between you and your mate. Instantly accept invitations from relatives. Review budgets, as you can now afford luxuries. You have luck with photography.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Wishful thinking only dissipates your energy. Focus on one simple goal and, suddenly, you feel you can conquer the world. Relatives become more loving. Libra or Cancer love asks you a question that's tough to answer.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
Business decisions should be made now. Procrastinating causes you to miss financial windfalls. Spend more time alone with your spouse. You

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have luck in games played outdoors or at a community event.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You feel restless. Get outside and try a new activity. Do not put blame on others for your own shortcomings. Competition in love favors you. A sporting event is the perfect spot to show off a new skill.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 1)
Be willing to take a chance with a new love in January or February, especially an Aries or Cancer. Career boosts come in March or May via networking you are doing now. Travel in June is lucky for business investments that will yield big bonuses quickly. Your luckiest months are August and February. Your best months to make personal changes are May and September.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Take the word of a friend to your social circle. Eminent

people bestow special favors on you. Romantic intrigue is worth the hassle, especially for a Libra.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Silence is more convincing than words. Take a friend up on an overdue invitation. A once-secretive romance becomes very public. Enjoy all bonuses and perks. You have earned them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Your romantic intensity puts off a potential partner. Be subtle in all new endeavors. Keep prior commitments with your family. Arguments hurt your credibility. A Gemini is involved in artistic idea.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Last-minute efforts succeed. Your hunches are brilliant. Delay doing chores and someone else will fill in for you. Stop deferring to your romantic partner. Get a list of classes or seminars.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Save money by pooling resources with a neighbor. Allow teen-agers more freedom. Experiment with new sports and hobbies. Surround yourself with optimistic people today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Temper boil unless you act as a mediator. A former love has lingering feelings for you. Launch new enterprises with relatives. A blunder turns into a win. A Scorpio offers a suggestion that just might work.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
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 Harriet Wasson will celebrate her 68th birthday Dec. 6.
 Sally Kellerman will celebrate her birthday Dec. 7.
 George and Marie Ehler will celebrate their 56th anniversary Dec. 7.

Ruth Class Christmas party planned for Dec. 10

The November meeting of the Ruth Class was held Nov. 5 at Calvary Baptist Church. Prayer requests were made for Bernice and Alvin Boyer, Henry Borth, Bill Dagon, Alicia Lupardus, Ryder family, Esther Showers, Della Stephens, Mary Alice Weiss, Mercee Beaver, Kim Hoff, Eidean Kelly, Barb Hall, Christy Morris, Robert Hubbard and Pauline Weir. Lois Bivens led in prayer.

The devotion was given by Pauline Weir on "And I Know He Watches Me," about Ethel Waters on "His Eye in On the Sparrow."

The minutes of the previous meeting were given by Ruth Dagon, secretary, Pat Wallis, treasurer gave her monthly report. Both were approved as read.

Dorothy Watkins, Cheer chairwoman reported sending four cards. A report was given on the trip to the Apple Shed. Petri's Restaurant is catering our Christmas party to be held on Dec. 10. Tickets will be \$7. Phyllis Knight is in charge of ticket sales.

Monday, Nov. 18, a trip and luncheon is planned to Washington, Mo., to Elijah's Clean Restaurant, leaving the church at 10 a.m. A trip is planned for Dec. 5 to Alton to see the Christmas lights.

Dorothy Watkins, hostess served delicious refreshments. Games were played and prizes were won by Dorothy Watkins, Norma Ross, and Phyllis

Knight. The December devotion will be given by Lois Bivens, games by Virginia Bueschel, and hostess Pauline Weir. Those present were Eileen Badgett, Lois Bivens, Dorothy

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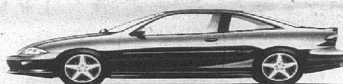


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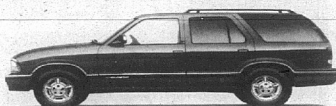
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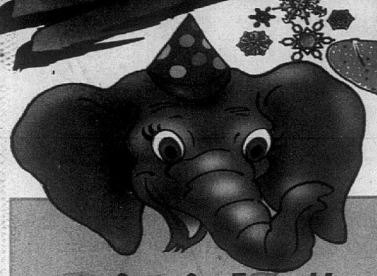
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HEY KIDS

DECEMBER...HOLIDAYS; HANUKKAH, KWANZAA, CHRISTMAS...FAMILIES...FUN...AND ANOTHER SUPER ISSUE OF ST. LOUIS 11 KIDS PAGE!



RAJA IS 4! LET'S PARTY!

HEY EVERYBODY, OUR FAMOUS BABY ELEPHANT AT THE ST. LOUIS ZOO IS FOUR YEARS OLD! JOIN THE ST. LOUIS 11 KIDS CLUB CREW, NIKKI, GEORGE AND GABE, AND HELP CELEBRATE. MEET AT THE ST. LOUIS ZOO ELEPHANT HOUSE ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12 AT 11 A.M. SEE RAJA ENJOY HIS VERY OWN BIRTHDAY CAKE; ELEPHANT STYLE. THEN WE'LL MARCH OFF TO THE LIVING WORLD AT 11:30 A.M. FOR BIRTHDAY CAKE THAT PEOPLE WILL EAT! THERE'LL BE CLOWNS, MAGICIANS AND MEET NIKKI, GEORGE AND GABE! YOU CAN EVEN SIGN A GIANT BIRTHDAY CARD TO RAJA. LOADS OF BIRTHDAY FUN! SEE YOU THERE!
FOR MORE INFORMATION, HAVE AN ADULT CALL 781-0900.

deadline entries for all contests 12/19/96



1-2-3... IMAGINE!

JANUARY 8-12 KIEL CENTER
It's a story of adventure and fun which teaches you that you can be anyone, do anything and go anywhere by counting "1-2-3... imagine!"

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6726 Chippewa
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Answers to Wordzles:
4. one in a million
3. triangle
2. 2-10 or zero
1. four-1 or 40



JAMMIN' WITH THE GLOBETROTTERS

Harlem Globetrotters...January 3...7:30 P.M.... Kiel Center...YOU could be there! ELEVEN kids will win four tickets each to see the world famous Harlem Globetrotters. AND...one of our eleven winners will be chosen to be a Junior Globetrotter; receive an official uniform AND sit on the Globetrotters' bench for the entire game! Just complete the following sentence.
"I love basketball because...."
Send your entry with your name, complete address AND age to:
Globetrotters, 4935 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108



SEASON'S EATINGS!

from the St. Louis District Dairy Council
It's great to be with family and friends during the holidays; sharing and enjoying good food is part of the fun! Here's a healthy, great dip to share with your family.

- Be sure and get an adult's permission before you use the kitchen...and clean up when you're finished!
- 1 cup plain yogurt
 - 1 package dried vegetable soup mix
 - Raw vegetables; carrots, celery, zucchini sticks, broccoli, green peppers
- In a large bowl, blend the yogurt and dried vegetable soup mix together. Wash and dry fresh vegetables ENJOY!



CAN YOU HELP THE PAPA JOHN'S DELIVERY MAN FIND THE HOUSE?



"WORDZLES"

are words that are puzzles that represent a familiar word or phrase.
Ex. WEAR
LONG

The word LONG is under the word WEAR, so this "wordzle" is "long underwear". Can you figure out the following? Answers are somewhere on this page.

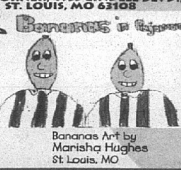
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KIDS CORNER

MAIL DRAWINGS, POEMS AND STORIES TO: KIDS CORNER, 4935 LINDELL BLVD., ST. LOUIS, MO 63108



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Bananas Art by Marisha Hughes St. Louis, MO



Timon Art by Brandon Lotties St. Louis, MO



Bugs Art by Lauren Hollander St. Charles, MO

ST. LOUIS KPLR-TV

PROGRAM SCHEDULE
*WATCH FOR THE KIDS CLUB CREW!
Stay tuned and... "Leave it on 11"

Weekday Mornings
6:00am Aladdin
6:30am Mega Man
7:00am "Power Block"
7:30am Oliver Twist & Company
8:00am The Mask
8:30am Bananas in Pajamas

Weekday Afternoons
2:30pm Samurai Pizza Cats
3:00pm WB Saturday Preview
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4:00pm Gargoyles
4:30pm Quick Pack (Tues.-Thurs.)
5:00pm Full House
5:30pm Hangin' with Mr. Cooper
6:00pm Step by Step

Monday and Friday Afternoons
4:30 pm Timon & Pumbaa (Mon.)
4:30 pm Mighty Ducks (Fri.)
Saturdays
6:30am Oliver Twist & Company
7:00am Freakazoid
7:30am Earthworm Jim
8:00am Superman
8:30am Road Rovers
9:00am Waynehead

Sundays
9:30am Pinky & the Brain
10:00am Animaniacs
10:30am Sylvester & Tweety Mysteries
11:00am All Dogs Go To Heaven
7:30am Oscar's Orchestra
8:00am Eagle Riders
8:30am "Amazon Adventures"
Princess Owens, Shylock, Strike Force, Space Monkeys
10:00am Street Sharks
10:30am Richie Rich

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Movie schedule

Film timetable for Sunday, Dec. 1. For times on other days or to confirm these times, check local theaters.

ALTON CINE

2840 Clark St., 482-1131
Space Jam (PG) 12:10, 2:25, 4:45, 7:00
Star Trek First Contact (PG-13) 12:25, 2:45, 5:05, 7:30

AVALON

4235 S. Kingshighway, 352-2424
Jack (PG) 4:30
First Kid (PG) 2:15, 7:00
The Spitfire Grill (PG-13) 9:15

CHESTERFIELD

599 Chesterfield Mall, 823-8155
Romeo & Juliet (PG-13) 1:20, 4:45, 7:30, 10:05
Space Jam (PG) 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00
Star Trek First Contact (PG-13) 11:45, 2:10, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45
Star Trek First Contact (PG-13) 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15

CLARKSON 8 CINE

1755 Clarkson Road, 823-4900
Jingle All The Way (PG) 11:45, 2:10, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30
Ransom (R) 1:00, 4:05, 7:00, 10:00
The English Patient (R) 1:00, 4:15, 8:00
The Mirror Has Two Faces (PG-13) 1:05, 4:20, 7:15, 10:10
101 Dalmatians (G) 11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00
101 Dalmatians (G) 12:00, 2:40, 5:30, 8:15

CARMICHAEL PETITE

170 and Hwy. 187, Collinsville, 344-7708
101 Dalmatians (G) 1:00, 3:30, 7:00, 9:30
Star Trek First Contact (PG-13) 1:00, 3:30, 7:00, 9:30
Space Jam (PG) 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:10, 9:10
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CRESTWOOD PLAZA 10

248 Greenwood Plaza, 968-8500
Jingle All The Way (PG) 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 9:50
Jingle All The Way (PG) 1:40, 3:50, 6:00, 8:10
Ransom (R) 1:10, 4:30, 8:00
Ransom (R) 1:45, 5:15, 8:25
Set It Off (R) 1:05, 4:40, 8:05
Romeo & Juliet (PG-13) 1:20, 5:05, 8:15
That Thing You Do! (PG) 1:30, 5:30, 8:10
Space Jam (PG) 12:30, 2:45, 5:25, 7:55
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CREVE COEUR CINE

10570 Old Olive Street Road, 822-8900
Ransom (R) 1:45, 4:35, 7:30, 9:50
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Star Trek First Contact (PG-13) 1:55, 4:50, 7:35, 10:00

CROSS KEYS CINEMA

110 Cross Keys Cinema, 821-8999
Lindbergh & New Halls Ferry, 821-8999
The Spitfire Grill (PG-13) 2:30, 7:15
Extreme Measures (R) 9:30
Alaska (PG) 4:45
First Kid (PG) 12:45, 3:00, 7:00, 9:40, 12:10

DES PERES 14 CINE

Manchester & 1270, 822-4900
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EASTGATE CINE

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COTTONWOOD EDWARDS-VILLE CINEMA

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ESQUIRE CINE
6708 Clayton Road, 781-3300
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KELLER PLAZA 8 CINE

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7808 Watson Road, 822-4900
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EUREKA 6 CINE

89 Hilltop Village Center, 822-4900
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GALLERIA 6

30 St. Louis Galleria, 721-7722
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HALLS FERRY 14 CINE

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MID RIVERS MALL

1220 Mid Rivers Dr., 278-2778
Ransom (R) 12:05, 2:40, 5:15, 7:50, 10:25
Space Jam (PG) 12:45, 2:45, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30
The Mirror Has Two Faces (PG-13) 1:00, 3:30, 5:40, 8:05
Phenomenon (PG) 1:20, 4:45, 7:30
Back to Back at the Casino (G) 1:15, 3:20, 5:30, 7:55
The Nutty Professor (PG-13) 1:15, 3:20, 5:30, 7:45
The Spitfire Grill (PG-13) 1:35, 4:35, 7:20

NAMEOKI CINEMA

30 Nameoki Village, 877-6630
First Wives Club (PG) 2:00, 4:15, 7:30
The Ghost & The Darkness (R) 7:30

NORTHWEST PLAZA 9

Northwest Plaza Mall, 822-4900
Star Trek First Contact (PG-13) 11:45, 2:30, 5:05, 7:40, 10:15

12:45, 4:15, 7:15, 9:40
The Mirror Has Two Faces (PG-13) 11:30, 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:20
The Mirror Has Two Faces (PG-13) 12:00, 2:40, 5:15, 8:00
First Wives Club (PG) 11:40, 2:00, 4:30, 7:05, 9:30, 9:45
Sleepers (R) 1:05, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Jingle All The Way (PG) 11:20, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00
101 Dalmatians (G) 12:15, 3:00, 5:45, 8:30, 9:40

KIRKWOOD CINEMA

338 S. Kirkwood Road, 855-1161
Check theater for shows and times

LINCOLN THEATER

103 E. Main (Ballwin), 232-0123
First Kid (PG) 1:45, 7:15, 9:20
Last Man Standing (R) 1:30, 7:05, 9:25
Larger Than Life (PG) 2:00, 7:00
The Spitfire Grill (PG-13) 9:10

LINDBERGH 8

7545 S. Lindbergh, 487-0017
Larger Than Life (PG) 1:20, 3:15, 5:15
Tin Cup (R) 7:15
Jack (PG) 13:00, 5:00, 7:40
Independence Day (PG-13) 1:30, 4:00, 7:20
Space Jam (PG) 1:10, 3:20, 5:40, 8:05
Phenomenon (PG) 1:20, 4:45, 7:30
Back to Back at the Casino (G) 1:15, 3:20, 5:30, 7:55
The Nutty Professor (PG-13) 1:15, 3:20, 5:30, 7:45
The Spitfire Grill (PG-13) 1:35, 4:35, 7:20

QUAD CINEMA

Belleville, Ill.
Ransom (R) 1:45, 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
101 Dalmatians (G) 1:00, 4:00, 6:45, 9:15, 9:30
Space Jam (PG) 12:30, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15
Star Trek First Contact (PG-13) 12:30, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15
REGENCY SQUARE 8
1085 Regency Parkway, 946-9000
Check theater for shows and times

RITZ 3 THEATER

403 E. Main St., Belleville, 232-3538
That Thing You Do! (PG) 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 9:30
Jack (PG) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45
First Kid (PG) 1:30, 4:00, 6:45, 9:15
RONNIE'S 8 CINE
Belleville, Ill.
The Mirror Has Two Faces (PG-13) 11:45, 2:30, 5:15, 8:15
The Mirror Has Two Faces (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:10
First Wives Club (PG) 12:30, 2:40, 5:20, 7:40, 9:30
Star Trek First Contact (PG-13) 11:45, 2:00, 4:10, 7:30, 9:40
Star Trek First Contact (PG-13) 12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:45, 10:00, 10:30
101 Dalmatians (G) 10:50, 1:20, 4:00, 6:30
Sleepers (R) 8:50
101 Dalmatians (G) 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
101 Dalmatians (G) 12:15, 2:50, 5:40, 8:30

ROXANA CINE THEATER

Belleville, Ill.

Jingle All The Way (PG) 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:30, 9:40
Jingle All The Way (PG) 1:00, 3:30, 5:45, 8:15, 10:20
Space Jam (PG) 12:00, 2:20, 5:00, 7:10, 9:30
Space Jam (PG) 1:15, 3:30, 5:30, 7:40, 9:30
Set It Off (R) 12:30, 4:05, 7:00, 10:00
Set It Off (R) 1:00, 4:45, 8:00, 10:30
Last Man Standing (R) 1:30, 7:05, 9:25
Ransom (R) 12:45, 5:10, 7:45, 10:20

NORTHWEST SQUARE 10

11150 Old St. Charles Road, 251-0885
Check theater for shows and times

PLAZA CINE 4

Troy, Mo., 828-2070
Space Jam (PG) 2:15, 4:30, 7:15
101 Dalmatians (G) 2:15, 4:30, 7:15
The Mirror Has Two Faces (PG-13) 2:15, 4:30, 7:00
Jingle All The Way (PG) 2:15, 4:30, 7:00

ST. CHARLES 10 CINE

Hwy. 94 at Prairie Road, 822-4900
101 Dalmatians (G) 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45
101 Dalmatians (G) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30
101 Dalmatians (G) 1:30, 4:05, 6:30, 9:00
The Ghost And The Darkness (R) 12:20, 2:45, 5:15, 7:40, 10:05
The Mirror Has Two Faces (PG-13) 1:15, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50
The Mirror Has Two Faces (PG-13) 2:15, 5:40, 8:40
Star Trek First Contact (PG-13) 12:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30
Star Trek First Contact (PG-13) 12:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30
Star Wives Club (PG) 12:25, 2:40, 4:55, 7:25, 9:40
Sleepers (R) 1:40, 5:10, 8:20

ST. CLAIR 10

90 Ludwig Drive, 388-3333
101 Dalmatians (G) 11:20, 1:50, 4:20, 7:05, 9:45
101 Dalmatians (G) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:35, 10:15
Jingle All The Way (PG) 11:15, 1:15, 3:40, 6:10, 8:40
Jingle All The Way (PG) 11:45, 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15
Space Jam (PG) 11:00, 1:00, 3:05, 5:05, 7:15, 9:15
Space Jam (PG) 11:30, 1:30, 3:35, 5:35
Romeo & Juliet (PG-13) 7:45, 10:15
Ransom (R) 11:30, 2:05, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00
The Mirror Has Two Faces (PG-13) 1:10, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45
Star Trek First Contact (PG) 12:00, 2:20, 4:45, 7:25, 9:55
Set It Off (R) 11:50, 2:25, 5:00, 7:35, 10:10

SHADY OAK CINE

Forsyth and Hanley Road, 727-2319
The Big Night (R) 1:55, 5:00, 7:15

VILLAGE SQUARE

100 Village Square Shopping Center, 895-0505
Check theater for shows and times

WESTPORT

910 Westport Plaza, 822-4900
Beat Night (R) 1:30, 5:10, 8:10
Cooler For Richard (PG-13) 1:00, 4:50, 8:30

Timber sellers should need advice of experts

Timber growing in the woods is like money in the bank. But for many people, selling the timber puts them at the mercy of others. Potential buyers may know more about the timber than the landowners themselves. The result: Landowners may suffer a financial loss, leaving them sour on the idea of selling timber in the future, according to Mike Bolin, University of Illinois Extension forester.

Therefore, before jumping into a timber sale, Bolin said to consider the following points: Be sure a timber harvest fits your forest management plan. Improper harvesting of trees can have serious implications on the future health and vigor of your woodland, so it is important to have a forest management plan. This plan identifies those trees that should be left for future harvests.

If you receive an unsolicited bid on your timber and you are not sure if it's the right choice for your woodland, seek assistance from a professional forester. Giving someone with a chain saw free license to your woods can result in damage to its productivity that can take decades to overcome, Bolin explained.

Don't be pressured or get in a hurry. If a timber buyer expresses unsolicited interest in your timber, you can assume the timber has value. So don't give in to high-pressure techniques or insinuations that the buyer will only be working in the area for a short time, cautioned Bolin. Take the time to have a professional forester evaluate your timber and the buyer's offer.

Know what you have to sell. Can you identify the trees in your woodland? Do you know how to measure them to determine their board foot volume? Can you identify trees that are ready for harvest? Do you know how to determine what types of products can be cut from these trees? Are you familiar with the markets for timber in your area?

If your answer is no to most of these questions, you're at a real disadvantage when

it's time to evaluate offers made on your timber, said Bolin. Seek help from either a consulting forester or a district forester from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

The district forester can provide limited timber sales assistance—taking an inventory of your woodland, marking the trees for sale and providing a list of licensed timber buyers. A list of recent prices for timber throughout Illinois is available from the district forester, the Division of Forest Resources office in Springfield or your local Cooperative Extension Service office.

While there is a fee for the services of a consulting forester, the expertise they provide in merchandising your timber frequently offsets the fee and, Bolin added, can put money in your pocket. In addition to providing the same help as a district forester, a consulting forester can determine the market value of your trees, recommended buyers or loggers; solicit bids, conduct the sale for you and act as your agent during harvest. Some also help you with income tax preparation as it relates to the timber sale.

If you elect to hire a consulting forester, ask for references and check with other landowners to verify their satisfaction with the forester's assistance. The Illinois Division of Forest Resources maintains a list of consulting foresters practicing in Illinois. Their address is 600 N. Grand Ave. West, Springfield, IL 62706. The telephone number is 862-2525.

Consider your tax liability. A timber sale can generate a sizable income. Would this possibly affect your income tax bracket? If a timber sale would put a tax burden on you in the present tax year, consider selling part of your timber now and the remainder in the next tax year. However, you might not receive as high a price for your timber if you choose to do this.

Know the process. Knowledge is power, so they say. But when it comes to selling your timber, knowledge may also be profit.

Crop insurance program open

Illinois farmers have not been as eager to participate in federal crop insurance programs as farmers in other Midwestern states. They complain that due to high cost, current programs do not meet their needs. What if there were a program that would guarantee what they would receive?

Currently, there are two pilot programs being run in the United States that claim to do just that—to guarantee a farmer's income. In Illinois, it's called Income Protection.

This is an insurance plan that protects against reduction in gross income when either yields or prices fall. The program is based on a combination of procedures of the Multiple Peril Crop Insurance (MPCI) program using the Actual Production History (APH) program and some new concepts. Yield setting, loss adjustment, and underwriting procedures are taken from the APH program already in use. This way, both agents and farmers are familiar with how they work; there is nothing new to learn.

Determining the amount of income to protect is not complex. It is a simple formula: price times yield times the amount of protection you want.

Price will be based upon the December corn futures contract. The contract price will be

averaged during February to establish the beginning price and will be averaged again in November to establish the ending price.

Typically, the November average price will be lower than the February average price. Yield is to be the APH yield that farmers have reported to the insurance agent or to the Farm Service Agency office last year. Having four years of actual yields will make a farmer a lot of money. The difference between real yields and the assigned yields has been tremendous.

Each participant will decide how much protection is needed, from 50 percent to 75 percent of the average price times APH yield. This figure will then be multiplied times the number of acres farmed. With this policy, one may have a crop yield that exceeds the average yield (APH yield) that when multiplied times a lower November price, would be less than the guaranteed income (insured) amount. When this happens, they collect in Illinois.

The policies will be available for corn in Champaign, Ford, Iroquois, Livingston and McLean counties.

The coverage is supposed to cost about the same as similar coverage through the APH program.

Applications for Christmas baskets available

The Belleville Salvation Army located at 4100 N. Hwy. 94, is accepting applications for Christmas food and toy baskets. Applications must be made in person Monday through Friday, between 10 a.m. and noon and 1 and 3:30 p.m. only.

The basket distribution date is scheduled for Dec. 20.

Public Aid recipients will need to apply through their caseworker. All other low-income families may apply at the Salvation Army.

Applicants must bring proof of residence and income. Positive identification will be required from recipients for proof of all household members. Acceptable identification includes: social security card, I.D. card, driver's license or birth certificate.

Residents of the county who live west of Rt. 187 must apply through their caseworker. Residents who live within the village of Cahokia and Sauget need to call Community Based

at 337-1580. Applications will only be accepted in one place, as specified by the geographical area and time period.

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LOCAL NEWS

Final senior programs set

The Gerontology Colloquia Series, which is co-sponsored by the Illinois Geriatric Education Center Network and the Gerontology Program at SIUE, will present its final programs of the semester on Dec. 3 and 10.

The programs will be devoted to presentations by gerontology graduate students.

Both sessions will be held in the Vadalabene Center, room 2002, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Health care, social services, professionals and aging network personnel are invited to attend the colloquia series free of charge. Pre-registration is not required.

For more information, contact the SIUE Gerontology Program at 692-3454.

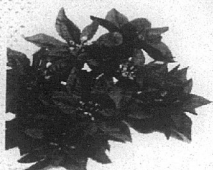
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WILTING

Cause: Dry Soil

Remedy: Water the plant thoroughly. Poinsettias should be watered when the top of the soil feels dry to the touch. They should be checked daily for water.

Cause: Wet Soil

Remedy: Make sure the plant isn't sitting in water. Remove any excess water and check to be certain the drainage holes in the pot aren't blocked. Follow the watering advice mentioned above. Too much water can be as bad as not enough.

Cause: Drafts

Remedy: Check the area carefully for drafts of hot or cold air. The room temperature should remain around 60° to 70°F. You may have to move the plant to another spot.

Cause: Freezing

Remedy: Unfortunately there is no remedy to reverse the damage caused by cold. The plant will have to be replaced. Make sure the plants are wrapped, completely covered and taken directly home. Never, under any circumstances, leave a poinsettia plant in an unheated car.

LEAF DROP

Cause: Insufficient light

Remedy: Poinsettias should receive bright, indirect light. Naturally, this may mean moving the plant.

Cause: Overwatering

Remedy: Read the above information on watering.

Cause: Lack of nitrogen

Remedy: Fertilize the poinsettia with a houseplant fertilizer according to the label directions.



Fresh Tree Care

If your fresh-cut tree has been up for a few days, it's easy to forget to check the water level in the stand. While you're at it, mix in some tree preservative with the water.

If the trunk of the tree becomes completely dry, a new seal will form over the cut that was made, thus making it much more difficult, if not impossible, for the tree to absorb water. This can lead to a rapidly-drying tree, a potential hazard. What's the solution? Avoid it in the first place. Don't let the tree stand run dry. Making a new cut at this stage is certainly no picnic.

Try to avoid blocking access to the tree stand with packages and the tree skirt. If it gets to be a lot of trouble to get water to the tree stand, it can easily get neglected. Make it easy, make it safe.

Finally, always remember: Never leave Christmas lights on when nobody's around. Unplug all decorations when you leave the room or go to bed.

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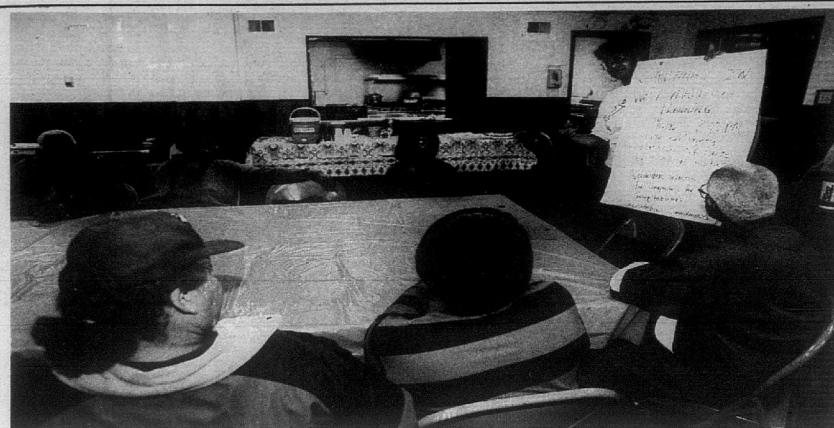
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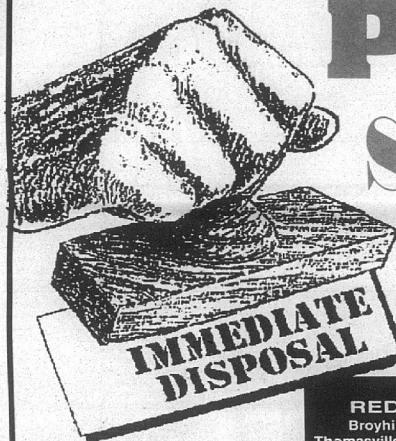
Watch Wednesday's Journal for more tips from the experts at Frank's!



(Staff photo by JOHN FRES)

Christmas planning — The Concerned Citizens of West Madison held a special meeting last Saturday to discuss plans for the proposed 1996 Christmas in West Madison Christmas party. Renee Garrett, at right, holds up a poster detailing the chores which must be tackled for the event to be a success. Also in attendance at the meeting were, seated clockwise from top left, Tom Youngblood, Ada Brown, Ellen Andrews, George Smith, Marie Dumas and William Garrett.

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